

Reading Plan

God's heart is to connect with you!

Your commitment to Christ is just the beginning. As a follower of Christ your relationship with God will grow and progress as you learn to walk through life with God. We spend time with God, not to check a required box, but because we value our relationship with God.

READING YOUR BIBLE:

The Bible is the written word of God. It reveals God's character and God's plan to redeem the world through Jesus Christ, and it gives us clarity about what God wants for our lives. The Holy Spirit works through the Bible to enable us to know Jesus more, relate to God, and transform our lives. Reading the Bible is a critical part of growing our relationship with God.

READING PLAN:

- Day 1:** Read John 3:16, Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:7-8
- Day 2:** Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-19
- Day 3:** Read Colossians 3:1-4
- Day 4:** Read Colossians 3:12-17
- Day 5:** Read Romans 8:37-39

After you read, spend some time thinking or journaling about what you just read. Then, spend some time in prayer, following this template:

PRAY

Praise & Thanksgiving: Personal prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God

Repent: Confessing specific sins and returning your heart and mind to God

Ask: Presenting your requests to God for yourself and others

Yield: Yielding to God's will, trusting that He is in control and is working all things for your good

What's Next?

GETTING TO KNOW JESUS

PRO TIP:

Start with Jesus.

The entire Bible points us to and shows us Jesus. You might not find His name on every page, but it's all about God's love for us exemplified through Jesus.

The Bible is divided into two parts: The Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament provides the context and backdrop for the story of Jesus, by telling the story of God's relationship with His people. The New Testament includes accounts of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and the movement that grew from Jesus' followers - the Church. It shows how Jesus came to forgive us for all sins for all time! The first four books of the New Testament are called the Gospels (*the Good News*), and they are the best place to start reading the Bible! Getting to know Jesus helps us see Him in the rest of the story. The more we know Jesus, the more we want to be like Him.

What about when you don't understand?

You won't understand everything and that's okay because guess what...nobody does! Ask questions and lean in when you are confused or don't agree.

If you have a personal relationship with Jesus, you have a personal relationship with the Author of the Bible as well. Ask God to help you understand what you're reading, ask friends who've been following Jesus longer to help you understand, and join a group at Lake Hills Church. We are all on this journey together!

