



Reading the Bible Together September - December 2026

*“Let the message of Christ dwell among you
richly as you teach and admonish one
another with all wisdom...”*

Introducing Reading the Bible Together

Why are we *Reading the Bible Together*?

As Christians we have the greatest privilege of knowing God as our Heavenly Father. Our relationship with God is guaranteed through all Jesus has done for us but, like any relationship, our experience of it will vary. Enjoying God depends on knowing him, spending time with him, and growing to love him.

There is no better way to grow in our relationship with God than regularly spending time with him in prayer and hearing from him in his word. But many of us find it difficult to maintain this habit, so we are encouraging the whole church to join in with ***Reading the Bible Together***.

Reading the Bible Together means we can share our joys with others. We can ask for help with things that confuse us. By reading the same Bible passage each day, we can encourage each other to keep going. We can discuss what we have been reading. We can find help for the bits that seem more complicated.

What is *Reading the Bible Together*?

Each day there is a short passage to read and some simple questions to help you think about what you are reading and then respond in prayer.

On weekdays we will be reading Genesis 1-25, James, Hebrews and Matthew. On Saturday we will read the passage that will be preached on Sunday morning and on Sunday we will read the passage that will be preached on Sunday evening.

This booklet contains a brief introduction to each book as well as an approach to Bible reading called 'The Swedish Method' which you may find helpful as you read the passages.

If you are not currently in the habit of reading the Bible then we hope and pray that ***Reading the Bible Together*** will help you get into a good routine. If you already have a Bible reading routine then we encourage you to do this with us alongside your existing Bible reading.

We know Bible reading can often make people feel guilty, especially if we fall behind. Please don't worry or feel guilty if you get behind, just skip ahead to the current day. The important thing is not that we complete a programme. The important thing is that we enjoy spending time with our Heavenly Father in his word.

How can we *Read the Bible Together*?

The best way to get into a good Bible reading habit is to set aside some time every day. It could be first thing in the morning, at lunchtime, or last thing at night.

If you are married you could read together as a couple. If you have children you could read with them. You might find it helpful to regularly meet up with someone in the church so you can encourage each other by discussing and praying through what you have been reading.

The books we will be reading together

Here are brief summaries and generic questions to help you engage with the different books we will be reading on weekdays.¹

Genesis lays the foundation for the story of salvation. We meet God as Creator, Promise-maker, and Promise-keeper. We see ourselves as made in his image and yet marred by sin.

What big truth does this passage teach about God?

How do we see the damaging effects of sin in this passage?

How do people trust or fail to trust God's promises?

How does this passage point forward to Jesus?

Matthew tells us that Jesus is the 'Christ' — the Messiah (1:16) who came in fulfilment of the Old Testament promises, to establish the Kingdom of Heaven.

What does this passage reveal about Jesus as the Christ?

What does it reveal about belonging to His kingdom?

¹ These questions have been adapted from those written by Johnny Prime at Enfield Evangelical Free Church with his permission.

Hebrews was written to Christians from a Jewish background who are tempted to drift away from Jesus. It gives us a bigger view of Jesus.

Identify a truth about Jesus highlighted in this passage.

What will it mean to fix your thoughts/eyes on this truth?

How will this truth keep you from drifting away from Jesus?

James is keen for Christians to not be double-minded. He wants Christians to be completely devoted to God in all we say and do.

How does this passage expose double-mindedness?

What solution to double-mindedness does it give?

How is God calling you to live wholeheartedly for him today?

The Swedish Method

The Swedish Method is a simple approach that can help you read the Bible on your own or with others.

Pray before you read the passage. Ask God to speak to you through his word and help you know and love him more.

Read the passage slowly several times then think about the following questions...



A Light Bulb

What shines out from the passage and grabs your attention? What is the main point of the passage?



A Question Mark

Is there anything in this passage that you do not understand or want to know more about?



Jesus

What does this passage teach me about Jesus? How does it help me to love and obey him more?



Application

What is the application of this passage for me? What do I need to change or do as a result of this passage?



Share

Who can I share the truth of this passage with? Is there a believer I can encourage? Is there a non-believer I can reach out to?

Pray to finish. Praise and thank God for what you have learnt about him. Confess any sin that has been highlighted by the passage. Ask God to help you put into practice the applications of this passage and share it with others.

September

Tu 1st Genesis 1:1-2:3
We 2nd Genesis 2:4-25
Th 3rd Genesis 3
Fri 4th Genesis 4
Sa 5th 1 Corinthians 1:1-7

Su 6th John 1:1-18
Mo 7th Genesis 6:1-8
(5:1-32)*
Tu 8th Genesis 6:9-22
We 9th Genesis 7
Th 10th Genesis 8
Fi 11th Genesis 9:1-17
Sa 12th 1 Corinthians
1:18-2:4

Su 13th John 1:19-34
Mo 14th Genesis 9:18-29
(10:1-20)*

*Passages in brackets are
genealogies. if you are short
of time then focus on the
main passage.

Tu 15th Genesis 11:1-9
(10:21-32 & 11:10-26)*
We 16th Genesis 12:1-3
(11:27-32)*
Th 17th Genesis 12:4-9
Fr 18th Genesis
Sa 19th 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Su 20th John 1:35-51
Mo 21st Genesis 13
Tu 22nd Genesis 14
We 23rd Genesis 15:1-6
Th 24th Genesis 15:7-21
Fr 25th Genesis 16
Sa 26th 1 Corinthians 3:1-17

Su 27th John 2:1-12
Mo 28th Genesis 17:1-8
Tu 29th Genesis 17:9-27
We 30th Genesis 18:1-15

October

Th 1st Genesis 18:16-33
Fr 2nd Genesis 19:1-14
Sa 3rd 1 Corinthians
3:18-4:4

Su 4th John 2:13-22
Mo 5th Genesis 19:15-38
Tu 6th Genesis 20

We 7th Genesis 21:1-21
Th 8th Genesis 21:22-34
Fr 9th Genesis 22:1-19
Sa 10th 1 Corinthians
4:6-21

Su 11th Big Issue*
Mo 12th Genesis
22:20-23:20

Tu 13th Genesis 24:1-27

We 14th Genesis 24:28-54

Th 15th Genesis 24:54-67

Fr 16th Genesis 25:1-11

Sa 17th 1 Corinthians
5:1-13

Su 18th John 2:23-3:14

Mo 19th James 1:1-8

Tu 20th James 1:9-12

We 21st James 1:13-18

Th 22nd James 1:19-27

Fr 23rd James 2:1-7

Sa 24th 1 Corinthians
6:1-11

Su 25th John 3:16-21

Mo 26th James 2:8-13

Tu 27th James 2:14-26

We 28th James 3:1-12

Th 29th James 3:13-18

Fr 30th James 4:1-10

Sa 31st 1 Corinthians
6:12-20

* The passage for this Big Issue will be chosen nearer the time and sent out in the weekly email.

November

Su	1st	John 4:1-26
Mo	2nd	James 4:11-12
Tu	3rd	James 4:13-17
We	4th	James 5:1-6
Th	5th	James 5:7-12
Fr	6th	James 5:13-19
Sa	7th	TBC*

Su	8th	John 4:27-42
Mo	9th	Hebrews 1:1-4
Tu	10th	Hebrews 1:5-2:4
We	11th	Hebrews 2:5-18
Th	12th	Hebrews 3:1-6
Fr	13th	Hebrews 3:7-19
Sa	14th	TBC*

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Mo	16th	Hebrews 4:1-13
Tu	17th	Hebrews 4:14-5:10
We	18th	Hebrews 5:11-6:3
Th	19th	Hebrews 6:4-12
Fr	20th	Hebrews 6:13-20
Sa	21st	TBC*

Su	22nd	TBC*
Mo	23rd	Hebrews 7:1-10
Tu	24th	Hebrews 7:11-22
We	25th	Hebrews 7:23-28
Th	26th	Hebrews 8
Fr	27th	Hebrews 9:1-10
Sa	28th	TBC*

Su	29th	TBC*
Mo	30th	Hebrews 9:11-22

December

Tu 1st Hebrews 9:23-28
We 2nd Hebrews 10:1-10
Th 3rd Hebrews 10:11-18
Fr 4th Hebrews 10:19-25
Sa 5th TBC*

Su 6th TBC*
Mo 7th Hebrews 10:26-39
Tu 8th Hebrews 11:1-7
We 9th Hebrews 11:8-16
Th 10th Hebrews 11:17-23
Fr 11th Hebrews 11:24-31
Sa 12th TBC*

Su 13th TBC*
Mo 14th Hebrews 11:32-12:3
Tu 15th Hebrews 12:4-13
We 16th Hebrews 12:14-17

Th 17th Hebrews 12:18-29
Fr 18th Hebrews 13:1-6
Sa 19th TBC*

Su 20th TBC*
Mo 21st Hebrews 13:7-20
Tu 22nd Hebrews 13:20-25
We 23rd Matthew 1:1-17
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