



2024

April - June

BIBLE READING PLAN





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We read the bible together each Sunday. We also read the bible in our mid-week growth groups. But at Christ Central we also encourage the personal discipline of reading consistently and systematically through the bible for ourselves. As we take up a habit of bible reading, we let God's truth and his gospel penetrate our hearts and minds, and that's something we all need as followers of Jesus – *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”* Romans 10:2.

Here's some info and tips for this bible reading plan:

- 1.** The weekly plan involved 5 days out of 7, giving you 2 days as a 'catch up buffer'.
- 2.** We're supplying an Old Testament reading as well as a New Testament reading, and if you want to go further there's an option of an Additional Reading which is either a Psalm or part of Proverbs.
- 3.** Many of us struggle to perfectly keep to a plan – we forget, we get busy, we just get slack. So when we stop reading the bible for a period of time, the important thing is to start again!
- 4.** We're better at keeping to a plan when we stick to a consistent time – eg. before breakfast, over breakfast, on the train, before bed.
- 5.** Start and finish your bible reading with prayer.

Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Luke

This term we will be reading the Old Testament books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, and Job. The book of Ezra details the return of the Israelites to Jerusalem many years post Babylonian captivity. The first group of returning exiles face two main issues; the restoration of the temple, and the need for spiritual reformation. Over half a century after the temple is rebuilt, the people in Jerusalem have fallen into spiritual apathy. Ezra, a leader and torah scholar, leads a second group of Israelites from Persia back to Jerusalem and sparks a spiritual revival in the people of Jerusalem – pointing them to repentance and the law of God. The book of Nehemiah follows directly after, where Nehemiah, an Israelite official still in Persia, returns to Jerusalem to assist in the reconstruction of the city walls as governor. The walls are rebuilt, but the people quickly fall into apostasy when Nehemiah leaves for a time. Upon his return, he finds the walls strong but the people weak – like Ezra, Nehemiah confronts the people and points them to repentance. Despite their best efforts, neither Ezra nor Nehemiah can truly sway the Israelites to return to faithful practice of God's commands, who, despite escaping physical exile, remain in spiritual exile. Both books end on a prayer for a transformation in the hearts of the Israelites.

The book of Esther follows an Israelite woman in Persia, chosen to be queen by King Ahasuerus. The king's advisor plots to exterminate all of the Israelites in Persia, but Esther persuades the king to save her people. Despite being the only book of the bible not to mention God by name, God's presence permeates the story through His sovereignty and faithfulness to His people and His promises.

The Book of Job details the great suffering of a righteous man by the hand of Satan, allowed by God following the accusation that Job is only faithful due to his prosperity. Job loses his health, wealth, and family, but remains devoted to the Lord – he does, however, question God in his anguish. God does not answer Job's question of why - He instead overwhelms Job with the truth of His majesty and sovereignty, leaving him with a deeper sense of God's power and splendour; God's eternal transcendence above creation is in stark contrast with Job's humble and ignorant mortality. The dominant theme in the Book of Job is one of the most basic questions Christians must wrestle with – how can God allow His people to suffer? We do not get an answer to this question, but we are told this – to trust in our holy and righteous God, who does all things for the good of those who love Him.

From the New Testament, we will be reading from the Gospel of Luke, the third account of Jesus' earthly ministry. We read how our mighty God, creator of the cosmos, humbled himself to human form and died a gruesome death on our behalf. Let us be in awe of His great mercy, and respond with repentance, worship and fruit of the spirit so that He may be rightfully glorified.



**EZRA
NEHEMIAH**
Video



ESTHER
Video



JOB
Video



JUKE
Video

APRIL 8-14

- Ezra 1 – 2; Luke 1: 1 - 25
- Ezra 3; Luke 1: 26 - 38
- Ezra 4 – 5; Luke 1: 39 - 56
- Ezra 6; Luke 1: 57 - 80
- Ezra 7; Luke 2: 1 - 20

APRIL 15-21

- Ezra 8 – 9; Luke 2: 21 - 40
- Ezra 10; Luke 2: 41 – 52
- Nehemiah 1 – 2; Luke 3: 1 - 22
- Nehemiah 3; Luke 3: 23 - 38
- Nehemiah 4; Luke 4: 1 - 15

APRIL 22-28

- Nehemiah 5 – 6; Luke 4: 16 – 30
- Nehemiah 7; Luke 4: 31 - 44
- Nehemiah 8; Luke 5: 1 - 16
- Nehemiah 9; Luke 5: 17 - 32
- Nehemiah 10 – 11; Luke 5: 33 – 6: 19

APRIL 29 - MAY 5

- Nehemiah 12; Luke 6: 20 - 36
- Nehemiah 13; Luke 6: 37 - 49
- Esther 1; Luke 7: 1 - 17
- Esther 2; Luke 7: 18 - 35
- Esther 3 – 4; Luke 7: 36 - 50

Extra Reading

- Psalm 1 – 2
- Psalm 3 – 4
- Psalm 5 – 6
- Psalm 7
- Psalm 8

Extra Reading

- Psalm 9
- Psalm 10
- Psalm 11 – 12
- Psalm 13 – 14
- Psalm 15 – 16

Extra Reading

- Psalm 17
- Psalm 18: 1 – 24
- Psalm 18: 25 – 50
- Psalm 19
- Psalm 20

Extra Reading

- Psalm 21
- Psalm 22
- Psalm 23 – 24
- Psalm 25
- Psalm 26 - 27

MAY 6- 12

- Esther 5; Luke 8: 1 - 18
- Esther 6 – 7; Luke 8: 19 - 39
- Esther 8; Luke 8: 40 - 56
- Esther 9 – 10; Luke 9: 1 - 17
- Job 1; Luke 9: 18 – 36

MAY 13-19

- Job 2; Luke 9: 37 – 62
- Job 3; Luke 10: 1 – 24
- Job 4; Luke 10: 25 – 42
- Job 5; Luke 11: 1 – 23
- Job 6; Luke 11: 24 – 36

MAY 20-26

- Job 7 – 8; Luke 11: 37 – 54
- Job 9; Luke 12: 1 – 34
- Job 10 – 11; Luke 12: 35 – 48
- Job 12; Luke 12: 49 – 59
- Job 13; Luke 13: 1 – 17

MAY 27 - JUNE 2

- Job 14; Luke 13: 18 – 35
- Job 15; Luke 14: 1 – 24
- Job 16; Luke 14: 25 – 35
- Job 17 – 18; Luke 15
- Job 19; Luke 16: 1 – 18

JUNE 3-9

- Job 20; Luke 16: 19 – 31
- Job 21; Luke 17: 1 – 19
- Job 22; Luke 17: 20 – 37
- Job 23; Luke 18: 1 – 17
- Job 24; Luke 18: 18 – 43

Extra Reading

- Psalm 28 – 29
- Psalm 30
- Psalm 31
- Psalm 32
- Psalm 33

Extra Reading

- Psalm 34
- Psalm 35
- Psalm 36
- Psalm 37
- Psalm 38

Extra Reading

- Psalm 39
- Psalm 40
- Psalm 41
- Psalm 42 – 43
- Psalm 44

Extra Reading

- Psalm 45
- Psalm 46 – 47
- Psalm 48
- Psalm 49
- Psalm 50

Extra Reading

- Psalm 51
- Psalm 52
- Psalm 53 – 54
- Psalm 55
- Psalm 56

JUNE 10-16

- Job 25 – 26; Luke 19: 1 – 27
- Job 27; Luke 19: 28 – 48
- Job 28 – 29; Luke 20: 1 – 19
- Job 30; Luke 20: 20 – 47
- Job 31; Luke 21: 1 – 19

JUNE 16-23

- Job 32; Luke 21: 20 – 38
- Job 33; Luke 22: 1 – 23
- Job 34; Luke 22: 24 – 46
- Job 35 – 36; Luke 22: 47 – 71
- Job 37; Luke 23: 1 – 25

JUNE 24-30

- Job 38; Luke 23: 26 – 43
- Job 39; Luke 23: 44 – 56
- Job 40; Luke 24: 1 – 12
- Job 41; Luke 24: 13 – 35
- Job 42; Luke 24: 36 – 53

Extra Reading

- Psalm 57
- Psalm 58
- Psalm 59
- Psalm 60 – 61
- Psalm 62

Extra Reading

- Psalm 63 – 64
- Psalm 65
- Psalm 66 – 67
- Psalm 68
- Psalm 69

Extra Reading

- Psalm 70 - 71
- Psalm 72
- Psalm 73
- Psalm 74
- Psalm 75

