

Engaging God's Word 2024

Dec. 31- Jan. 6 Genesis 1:1-2:3
 January 7-13 Genesis 2:4-25
 January 14-20 Genesis 3:1-24
 January 21-27 Genesis 4:1-16
 January 28-Feb. 3 Genesis 6:9-22

February 4-10 Genesis 7:1-24
 February 11-17 Genesis 8:1-22
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March 3-9 Genesis 12:1-8
 March 10-16 Genesis 18:1-15
 March 17-23 Genesis 18:16-33
 March 24-30 Genesis 19:1-29
 March 31- April 6 Genesis 21:1-7

April 7-13 Genesis 22:1-18
 April 14-20 Genesis 25:19-34
 April 21-27 Genesis 27:1-40
 April 28-May 4 Genesis 28:10-20

May 5-11 Genesis 32:22-32
 May 12-18 Genesis 37:1-11
 May 19-25 Genesis 37:12-36
 May 26-June 1 Genesis 39:1-23

June 2-8 Genesis 40:1-23
 June 9-15 Genesis 41:1-40
 June 16-22 Genesis 42:1-38
 June 23-29 Genesis 45:1-28

June 30-July 6 Genesis 50:15-21
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 July 28-August 3 John 2:12-25

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Reading large chunks of God's Word is valuable in that it immerses us in the story of God's people. However, the Bible is more than a story. It is one way in which God speaks to us as His Holy Spirit moves through the words of Scripture to deepen our relationship with God. This year we will be slowing down, reading, pondering, and interacting with selected Bible texts. Each week, we will have one passage that we will meditate on every day. Hopefully, this deeper approach to prayer and Scripture will lead us to a deeper understanding of who God is and his incredible grace for us. Below is a suggested outline and pattern for your meditation. It is not a rule, but a guide. If you miss a day or two, just pick up the next day that you can and continue the process.

Sunday-Day 1

Prayer: Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Open my heart and mind to hear what you have to say to me through this Scripture. Amen.

As you have already spent time in worship and community today, simply read the passage slowly three times. The third time, read the passage out loud.

Monday-

Prayer: Loving Father, we do not live by bread alone but by every Word that comes from your mouth. Fill me with your Spirit so that as I read this passage today, I will understand what you want me to understand. Amen.

Read the passage. Underline or jot down the words or phrases that stick out to you. Read the passage again out loud. Ask yourself the following question: What is the main message of this passage?

Record your answer in your journal.

Tuesday

Prayer: The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. Help me to understand what you are saying to me through this passage. Amen.

Read the passage. What do you not understand about the passage? Be honest. What is hard for you in this passage? Read the passage out loud. Think of other passages of Scripture that relate to this passage. (If you have trouble use a study bible with cross references.) Record your questions and any insights you have gained through this process in your journal.

Wednesday

Prayer: Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ. As I engage with your word today, help me to understand what message you want me to grasp. Amen.

Read the passage. God is speaking to you through this passage. Write down what you think God is saying specifically to you through this passage.

Thursday

Today you will pray the passage. You will slowly read the passage and respond to God as you hear Him speaking to you. Confess your sin where you have not lived up to this passage. Give thanks for the blessings God has given you through his Word. Ask God to help you live out the lessons in this passage. Write a prayer based on this passage in your journal.

Friday

Prayer: You want us not to be only hearers of Your Word but doers of your Word. We want our lives to be built on the firm foundation that is found only in putting your words into practice. Help me to live out your word today and every day. Amen.

God's Word is meant to be put into action. Read the passage again and then write down one to three things that you can do because of what you have learned in this passage. Then seek to do what you have written down.

Saturday

Prayer: All Scripture is breathed by you for our benefit that we might know you and learn to walk in righteousness and good works. Fill me with your Spirit that your Word may bear fruit in my life. Amen.

Read the passage again slowly. It should seem very familiar to you after spending the week with it. Read the passage one last time very slowly out loud. Write in your journal what God has taught you through this process.