

FOUNDATIONS TOPICAL STUDY

MAJOR TOPICS OF THE BIBLE

This reading plan covers sections of Scripture from the Old and New Testament, grouped by topic. Each week presents a new topic for reading and discussion. If your group utilizes this plan, be especially cautious so the original meaning of the text is not lost. Remember, the Bible wasn't written TO us, but it is FOR us, and in order to be able to apply what it could mean for us today, we must first understand what the original writer meant to the original audience back then.

WEEK 1 TOPIC:

Daily time with God

- ☐ Mark 1:35 | The example of Jesus
- ☐ Psalm 1:1-2 | Delight in God's laws
- ☐ Psalm 46:10 | Be still
- ☐ Matthew 4:4 | Live by God's Word
- ☐ Psalm 5:3 | The example of David

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WEEK 2 TOPIC: The Gospel

- ☐ Psalm 33:6-9, Psalm 24:1, Deuteronomy 32:4 | God is creator and owner and judge
- ☐ Ephesians 2:1-3 | The consequences of our sin
- ☐ Ephesians 2:4-5 | But God sent Jesus
- ☐ Romans 3:21-28 | Made right by faith, not keeping the law
- ☐ Romans 8:1, John 17:3, 2 Corinthians 5:21, John 3:16 | Summaries of the Gospel

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WEEK 3 TOPIC:

Saved by faith, not by works

- ☐ Ephesians 2:8-9 | Saved by grace, not works
- ☐ Galatians 2:11-3:14 | Made right by faith, not obeying the law
- ☐ James 2:14-26 | The proper place for works
- ☐ Genesis 22 | Abraham's faith tested
- ☐ Romans 4 | The faith of Abraham explained

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WEEK 4 TOPIC:

Assurance of salvation

- ☐ 1 John 5:11-13 | We can know we're Christians
- ☐ John 1:12-13 | Based on the work of Christ
- ☐ John 10:28-29 | No one can snatch us from Jesus
- ☐ Romans 8:16 | The witness of the Holy Spirit
- ☐ Romans 8:38-39 | Nothing can separate us from God's love

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WEEK 5 TOPIC:

Identity in Christ

- ☐ 2 Corinthians 5:17 | I am a new creation
- ☐ Romans 12:2 | Renew your mind
- ☐ Galatians 2:20 | Christ lives in me
- ☐ Romans 8:14-18 | Adopted heirs
- ☐ Ephesians 2:10 | God's masterpiece

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WEEK 6 TOPIC:

Memorizing scripture

- ☐ Psalm 119:11, Psalm 119:1-18 | Hiding God's Word in our heart and the value of His commands
- ☐ Deuteronomy 6:6-8 | Surround yourself with God's commands
- ☐ Joshua 1:6-9 | Study, meditate, obey, then prosper
- ☐ Matthew 4:1-11 | "The Scriptures say..."
- ☐ Psalm 40:8 | The joy and inscription of His will

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WEEK 7 TOPIC: Prayer

- ☐ Philippians 4:6-7 | Worry less, pray more, and experience God's peace
- ☐ Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 18:1-8 | Keep asking, seeking, knocking
- ☐ James 5:16 | Prayer is effective
- ☐ Hebrews 4:16 | Prayer enters us into God's throne room
- ☐ Ephesians 6:18 | Pray all the time and about everything

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WEEK 8 TOPIC: The Bible

- ☐ 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21 | Inspiration & source of the Bible
- ☐ Hebrews 4:12 | God's Word is alive and powerful
- ☐ Psalm 19:7-11 | How beneficial God's Word is
- ☐ James 1:22-25 | Obey God's Word
- ☐ Acts 17:10-12 | Verify yourself through God's Word

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WEEK 9 TOPIC:

Relationship over religion

- ☐ John 1:14, John 10:10, John 17:3 | God showed up in person, came to bring us life and knowing Him is the path to eternal life
- ☐ Matthew 22:37-38, Deuteronomy 6:4-5 | What God wants more than anything is our love
- ☐ Hosea 6:6, 1 Samuel 15:22, Isaiah 1:10-20, Matthew 9:13, Mark 12:33-34 | God desires love more than sacrifices
- ☐ John 14:15, John 14:21, John 14:23, John 15:10, 1 John 2:3-6, 1 John 3:24, 1 John 5:3 | The connection between love and obedience
- ☐ 1 Peter 5:7, Psalm 55:2, Hebrews 13:5 | How much He cares for us

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WEEK 10 TOPIC:

Loving others

- ☐ Matthew 22:39-40, Romans 13:8-10 | The entire requirements of the Bible fulfilled by this one thing
- ☐ 1 Corinthians 13 | Love defined
- ☐ 1 John 4:7-12, 1 John 4:19-21 | Can't love God and hate others
- ☐ Matthew 5:43-48 | Love even your enemies
- ☐ John 13:34-35 | Others will know we are His by our love

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WEEK 11 TOPIC:

Find community

- ☐ Acts 2:42-47 | The first Christians immediately form a community
- ☐ Hebrews 10:24-25 | Don't ever quit gathering
- ☐ Ephesians 4:2-6, 4:16 | We are one body
- ☐ 2 Corinthians 1:4, Romans 1:12, Proverbs 27:17 | Comfort, encourage and sharpen one another
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 | Two are better than one

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WEEK 12 TOPIC:

Make a difference

- ☐ Ephesians 2:10 | Created anew to do good works
- ☐ 1 Timothy 6:17-19 | Be rich in good works
- ☐ James 2:14-26 | Faith without works is dead
- ☐ Matthew 25:31-46 | What's done for the least is done for the Lord
- ☐ Matthew 5:13-16 | Let your good deeds point people to God

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WEEK 13 TOPIC: Testimony

- ☐ 1 Peter 3:15-16, Colossians 4:6 | Always be ready to give an answer with grace and gentleness
- ☐ Acts 26:1-23 | Paul's testimony and structure
- ☐ John 9:25 | All I know is, I was this and now I'm this
- ☐ 2 Corinthians 4:13 | I believed so I spoke
- ☐ 1 John 1:3 | Just share what you've experienced

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WEEK 14 TOPIC: Evangelism

- ☐ Luke 19:10, John 20:21, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8 | Jesus' mission is our mission
- ☐ Luke 15:1-7 | Leave the 99 for the 1
- ☐ 1 Peter 3:15-16 | Always be ready to talk about your faith
- ☐ 2 Corinthians 5:11, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 | Working hard to persuade others as Christ's ambassadors
- ☐ Romans 10:9-15 | Beautiful feet

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WEEK 15 TOPIC: Generosity

- ☐ 1 Chronicles 29:13-14, James 1:17, 2 Corinthians 8:1-9
| Everything we have is from God / The privilege of giving and the generosity of Jesus
- ☐ Proverbs 3:9-10, 11:24-25, Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Luke 6:38 | The rewards of being generous
- ☐ Matthew 6:19-21, 1 Timothy 6:17-19 | Don't trust in money / Be rich in good works
- ☐ Matthew 19:16-30 | The rich man and Jesus
- ☐ Mark 12:41-44 | The widow and her two coins

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WEEK 16 TOPIC: Holy Spirit

- ☐ Ezekiel 36:26-27, John 14:16-17, John 16:5-15 | The promise of His spirit
- ☐ Acts 2:1-41 | The Holy Spirit comes
- ☐ Romans 8:1-17, Galatians 5:16-26 | Living by the Holy Spirit's power
- ☐ 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 | We are God's temple
- ☐ John 14:26, John 16:13, 2 Corinthians 3:17, Romans 8:26, Romans 15:13 | Benefits of the Holy Spirit

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WEEK 17 TOPIC: Know your enemy

- ☐ Ephesians 6:12, John 8:44, 1 Peter 5:8-9, John 10:10a | Our enemy
- ☐ Matthew 4:1-11 | How to defeat the enemy with scripture
- ☐ Ephesians 6:10-18 | Armor of God
- ☐ 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 | Our weapons
- ☐ 1 John 4:4 | We've already won

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WEEK 18 TOPIC: Sin

- ☐ Genesis 3 | Origins of sin
- ☐ Romans 5:12-21 | Adam & Jesus
- ☐ Romans 3:23, Romans 7:14-25, 1 John 1:8-10 | Our sinful nature
- ☐ 1 Corinthians 10:13, 1 Corinthians 15:56-57 | How to avoid and beat sin
- ☐ Colossians 3:5-10, Ephesians 4:17-31 | Put sin to death

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WEEK 19 TOPIC: Forgiveness

- ☐ 1 John 1:8-9, Psalm 103:12
| God is faithful to forgive
- ☐ Ephesians 1:7-8, Colossians 1:13-14 | Jesus purchased our forgiveness
- ☐ Psalm 32 | The joy of the forgiven
- ☐ Proverbs 17:9, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13, Matthew 5:23-24, Matthew 6:12, Matthew 6:14-15
| Forgiving others
- ☐ Matthew 18:21-35 | How many times should we forgive?

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WEEK 20 TOPIC: Suffering

- ☐ Romans 8:18, Romans 8:35, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 | The coming reward is far greater than the current suffering
- ☐ 1 Peter 3:13-18, 1 Peter 4:1, 1 Peter 4:12-19 | Suffering for doing good, like Christ
- ☐ John 9:1-5 | Man born blind for God's glory
- ☐ Genesis 50:20, Romans 8:28
| God takes the bad and uses it for good
- ☐ John 16:33, James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-5 | Peace and joy in suffering

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WEEK 21 TOPIC: Faith

- ☐ Hebrews 11:1 & 11:6
| The necessity of faith
- ☐ Hebrews 11:7 | Noah's faith
- ☐ Hebrews 11:13-16 | Trusting God even when things don't work out as planned
- ☐ Hebrews 11:17-19, Romans 4:20-21 | Abraham's faith
- ☐ Matthew 17:20, Matthew 21:21-22 | The power of a little faith

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WEEK 22 TOPIC: Humility

- ☐ Micah 6:8 | Walk in humility
- ☐ Proverbs 3:34, Proverbs 11:2, Proverbs 15:33, Proverbs 18:12, Proverbs 22:4, Proverbs 29:23, Psalm 18:27, Psalm 69:32, Psalm 138:6, Psalm 147:6, Psalm 149:4
| Humility
- ☐ Luke 14:7-14 | Jesus teaches on humility
- ☐ Philippians 2:3-11 | Jesus as our model of humility
- ☐ Matthew 20:20-28 | Be last to be first

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WEEK 23 TOPIC: Second coming of Christ

- ☐ John 14:1-6 | He will come to get us
- ☐ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | The hope of the resurrection
- ☐ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 | When
- ☐ 2 Peter 3:1-15 | It seems like a long time
- ☐ Matthew 24:30-44 | Be ready

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WEEK 24 TOPIC: World vision

- ☐ Matthew 9:35-38 | Pray for workers
- ☐ Matthew 28:19-20 | Jesus' command to go make disciples
- ☐ Acts 1:8 | Locally, nationally, internationally
- ☐ Romans 1:16 | Our power of our message
- ☐ John 14:6 | The only way to be saved

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WEEK 25 TOPIC: Perseverance

- ☐ Galatians 6:9 | Don't give up
- ☐ Hebrews 12:1-4 | Persevere by focusing on Jesus
- ☐ Philippians 1:6 | God will finish what He started
- ☐ Hebrews 10:23-25 | Hold on and encourage others as well
- ☐ James 1:12 | God blesses us when we endure

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WEEK 26 TOPIC: Use time wisely

- ☐ Ephesians 5:15-20 | Make the most of every opportunity
- ☐ Psalm 90:10-12 | Life is brief
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 | A time for everything
- ☐ James 4:13-17 | If the Lord wills it
- ☐ Romans 13:8-14 | Time is running out

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WEEK 27 TOPIC: Discovering God's will

- ☐ Psalm 119:105 | Direction through God's Word
- ☐ Proverbs 15:22 | Obtaining godly counsel
- ☐ John 16:13 | The Holy Spirit's guidance
- ☐ Romans 12:1-2 | God's will is good, pleasing, perfect
- ☐ Proverbs 3:5-6 | Trust leads to straight paths

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