



Personal Bible Reading Plan

Introduction

We usually think of the Bible as one book. That's logical because it looks like one book, right? We also speak of the Bible as God's Word. That's because God wrote the Bible! (For more on that, go to the Frequently Asked Questions section on page 1273.)

When we read and study the Bible, we discover that it's actually an entire library between two covers. Not one book, but 66! Each book has its own style and qualities—but each book contributes to the message God wants to get across.

You know what else? Even though we use the word *book*, some parts of the Bible are actually letters (like Paul's letter to the Romans) or collections (like Psalms). Still, the Bible is one big message from God because it has one real Author—God! So you know it's worth reading. Here's a way to do it!

How This Plan Is Different

There are lots of plans to help you read through the Bible. You can start at page one and read straight through. Or you can get a flavor of the whole Bible by reading parts from it during a whole year. That's what this reading plan is all about.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to read the best-known stories and important lessons. Some parts of the Bible offer so much help that you can read them every day. (Those are the Gospels, Psalms, and Proverbs.) One way or another, you need to read God's Word!

Before You Begin

You'll see that each day's reading has a title and a question. (Those questions will help you as you read—you can count on it.) And always pray before you read and ask God to help you understand, apply, and obey his Word. And remember, this is only the start of the great adventure of reading God's Word and getting to know him!

Old Testament

GENESIS 1:1-2:3

How It All Started

Why do human beings have value and worth?

GENESIS 2:15-3:24

Adam and Eve

How are you like those first humans?

GENESIS 4:1-16

Cain and Abel

How do you handle anger?

GENESIS 6:9-22

Noah Gets to Build a Boat

What is the hardest thing that God has asked you to do?

GENESIS 7:1-24

All Aboard!

If you were alive back then, would you have been invited to get on the boat? Would you have accepted?

GENESIS 8:1-22

A Long Wait

How would you have spent your time on the boat?

GENESIS 9:1-17

Rules and Rainbows

What can you do the next time you see a rainbow?

GENESIS 11:1-9

The Tower of Babel

Is there anyone you trust more than God? Is there anyone you should trust more than God?

GENESIS 12:1-9; 17:1-8

God's Promises to Abraham

How does God affect the way you make decisions?

GENESIS 18:1-15

Unusual Visitors

What's your basic attitude toward strangers?

GENESIS 19:15-29

Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

How does God feel about sin?

GENESIS 21:8-21

Hagar and Ishmael

How does God deal with the messes in your life?

GENESIS 22:1-19

Abraham's Painful Decision

What do you have trouble giving up to God?

GENESIS 24:1-27

A Man Named Eliezar

How do you approach difficult tasks?

GENESIS 24:28-67

Isaac and Rebekah

What unexpected good thing has God done for you recently?

GENESIS 25:19-34

Jacob and Esau

How do you treat your brothers or sisters?

GENESIS 27:1-40**Jacob Tricks His Father**

How honestly have you treated your parents?

GENESIS 28:10-22**Jacob Meets God**

In what places in your life has God been the most real to you?

GENESIS 29:14-30**Jacob's Marriages**

What is your definition of love?

GENESIS 32:1-33:16**Jacob Returns Home**

How do you feel inside when you try to avoid a problem?

GENESIS 37:1-36**Jacob's Children**

How are disagreements settled in your family?

GENESIS 39:1-23**Joseph in Trouble**

How do you feel about getting in trouble for doing right?

GENESIS 40:1-23**Dreams in Prison**

When have you helped someone even though you had your own problems?

GENESIS 41:1-36**Dreams in the Palace**

What people has God used to give you guidance?

GENESIS 41:37-57**Joseph in Charge**

How well do you handle big responsibilities?

GENESIS 42:1-38**Joseph Sees His Brothers Again**

What would you do with a chance for revenge?

GENESIS 43:1-34**Back to Joseph**

How well do you know how to forgive?

GENESIS 44:1-34**Crisis in the Palace**

How do you react when someone points out a mistake you've made?

GENESIS 45:1-28**Finding a Lost Son**

When did you last let your parents know you appreciate them?

GENESIS 49:1-33**Jacob's Final Words**

What's the strongest impression you think you've made on your parents?

EXODUS 1:8-2:10**Moses Is Born**

How have you appreciated the gift of birth?

EXODUS 2:11-25**Moses on the Run**

When was the last time you found yourself running from God?

EXODUS 3:1-22**God's Burning Bush**

How has God made himself known to you?

EXODUS 4:1-17**Moses Isn't Sure**

How willing are you to do what you think God wants you to do?

EXODUS 5:1-23

Resistance

What have people said when you've tried to obey God?

EXODUS 6:1-13

Rejection

What would it cost you to do what God wants?

EXODUS 7:1-14

A Stubborn Ruler

How does stubbornness affect your relationship with God?

EXODUS 7:15-9:7

Five of the Ten Plagues

When do you try to bargain with God?

EXODUS 9:8-10:29

Four More Plagues

How does God get your attention?

EXODUS 11:1-10; 12:29-36

The Ultimate Plague

What does it mean to fear God in your life?

EXODUS 13:17-14:31

A Narrow Escape

When has God protected you?

EXODUS 15:22-27; 17:1-7

God Provides Water

What do you complain to God about?

EXODUS 16:1-36

God's Unusual Food Supply

For what specific gift did you last say thanks to God?

EXODUS 18:1-27

Helpful Advice

Who are the dependable advisers in your life?

EXODUS 19:1-25

An Appointment With God

How would you prepare to meet with God?

EXODUS 20:1-22

The Ten Commandments

How often do you think about God's standards?

EXODUS 32:1-29

The Gold Calf

What distracts you from obeying God?

EXODUS 40

Instructions About God's Tent

When are you most aware of God's presence in your life?

NUMBERS 12:1-16

Moses Under Fire

What do you do when you find yourself feeling jealous of someone?

NUMBERS 13:1-14:4

Spying on the Promised Land

Do you think anything's impossible for God? Explain.

NUMBERS 14:5-45

A Majority That Was Wrong

How often are your decisions based on peer pressure?

NUMBERS 21:4-9

Another Hard Lesson

What can you do to avoid repeating mistakes?

NUMBERS 22:5-38

Balaam and His Donkey

What happens when you do what you know you shouldn't do?

DEUTERONOMY 29:1-29

Moses Reviews God's Actions

How do you keep track of what God has done for you?

DEUTERONOMY 30:1-20

Moses Challenges the People

How do you show that you love God?

DEUTERONOMY 31:1-8

Moses Appoints New Leaders

Who is the "Moses" in your life?

DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

The Death of Moses

How would you most like to be remembered?

JOSHUA 1:1-18

God Takes Over

When does God ask you to be strong and courageous?

JOSHUA 2:1-24

Spies Visit Jericho

What people has God used in your life unexpectedly?

JOSHUA 3:1-17

The Invasion of Canaan

How would you illustrate God's guidance in your life?

JOSHUA 5:13-6:27

The Battle of Jericho

How serious are you about having God use you?

JOSHUA 7:1-26

Ultimate Consequences

What strongly negative or positive consequences have you experienced?

JOSHUA 10:1-15

The Longest Day

How do you know God is powerful?

JOSHUA 23:1-16

Joshua Warns the Leaders

Which of Joshua's warnings do you most need to obey?

JOSHUA 24:1-31

Joshua's Last Words

How can you get hope from history?

JUDGES 4:4-24

Judge Deborah

How do people know that you care about them?

JUDGES 6:1-40

Gideon Becomes a Judge

What examples of obedience can be found in your life?

JUDGES 7:1-25

Gideon and the Midianites

In what area of your life do you need to trust God more?

JUDGES 13:1-25

The Birth of Samson

In which part of your life do you need more discipline?

JUDGES 14:1-20

Samson's Riddle

How carefully do you consider the wisdom of your parents?

JUDGES 15:1-20

Samson and the Jawbone

What proof do you have that mistakes usually don't correct themselves?

JUDGES 16:1-21

Samson and Delilah

In what situations do you find yourself flirting with disaster?

JUDGES 16:22-31

Samson's Death

How well do you understand God's patience?

RUTH 1:1-22

Ruth and Naomi—A Friendship

How do difficulties affect your friendships?

RUTH 2:1-23

Ruth Meets Boaz

When have you found your reputation to be an advantage?

RUTH 3:1-18

Ruth Finds a Husband

What surprising methods has God used in your life?

RUTH 4:1-22

A Happy Ending

What future reasons could there be for obeying God today?

1 SAMUEL 1:1-28

A Serious Prayer

What promises have you made to God lately that you have kept?

1 SAMUEL 3:1-21

God Calls Samuel

When you read God's Word, what do you expect him to say to you?

1 SAMUEL 8:1-5

Samuel's Disappointing Sons

Are you ever tempted to be greedy and unfair? How can you change?

1 SAMUEL 8:6-21

The People Want a King

What has God taught you about being responsible for your own choices?

1 SAMUEL 9:1-21

Saul and the Lost Donkeys

What is God's part in your daily decisions?

1 SAMUEL 10:1-27

Saul Becomes King

How do you evaluate people?

1 SAMUEL 14:1-23

A Son to Make a Father Proud

Why do you think Jonathan was victorious?

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

Samuel Appoints David

What people do you appreciate for something other than how they look?

1 SAMUEL 17:1-31

David and Goliath's Challenge

How does your confidence in God affect your decision to accept challenges?

1 SAMUEL 17:32-58

David Kills Goliath

What "giants" need to be defeated in your life?

1 SAMUEL 18:1-30

Trouble Between Saul and David

How do you treat your friends who succeed?

1 SAMUEL 20:1-42

David and Jonathan

How much can your friends trust you?

1 SAMUEL 24:1-22

David Spares Saul's Life

When do you treat others the way you want to be treated?

1 SAMUEL 25:1-42

David and Abigail

How does God keep you from making big mistakes?

1 SAMUEL 28:1-25

Saul and the Occult

What kinds of things could be considered "occult practices"? How would God feel about your involvement in such things?

2 SAMUEL 5:1-12

David Becomes King Over All Israel

How could you become a person who is more pleasing to God, as David was?

2 SAMUEL 9:1-13

The King's Kindness

What promises need to be kept in your life?

2 SAMUEL 11:1-27

David and Bathsheba

When is it hard for you to admit fault?

2 SAMUEL 12:1-12

David and Nathan

Which of your friends love you enough to correct you?

2 SAMUEL 12:13-25

David Confesses

How do you feel when you ask God's forgiveness?

2 SAMUEL 14:1-33

Absalom Returns

How do you deal with family conflicts?

2 SAMUEL 15:1-37

Family Betrayal

Who helps you keep your motives clear?

2 SAMUEL 18:1-18

The Death of Absalom

In what situations are you most likely to lose control?

1 KINGS 1:5-27

Conflict Over the Throne

What happens when you don't make good decisions?

1 KINGS 1:28-53

David Gives Solomon the Crown

When things in your world get confusing, how do you know God is still in control?

1 KINGS 3:1-15

Solomon's Wisdom

If you could ask for anything, what would you ask for?

1 KINGS 3:16-28

Solomon Solves a Problem

In what current situation in your life do you need God's wisdom?

1 KINGS 6:1-38

Solomon Builds the Temple

What can you learn from Solomon about making and carrying out plans?

1 KINGS 10:1-13

Solomon and the Queen of Sheba

When are you tempted to try to impress people?

1 KINGS 12:1-24

Solomon's Unwise Son

Who are some people you know who will give you good advice?

1 KINGS 17:1-24

God Takes Care of Elijah

How do obeying and trusting God go together in your life?

1 KINGS 18:16-46

Elijah Versus the Priests of Baal

How would you describe your attitude toward God's power today?

1 KINGS 19:1-21

Spiritual Burnout

When was the last time you felt sorry for yourself?

1 KINGS 21:1-29

The Stolen Vineyard

How important is justice in your life?

1 KINGS 22:29-40

The Death of King Ahab

When are you tempted to think that you can hide from God?

2 KINGS 2:1-12

Elijah's Chariot

When you make a commitment, how far will you go to carry it out?

2 KINGS 2:13-25

Elisha's Miracles

How would someone else know that you have a deep respect for God?

2 KINGS 5:1-27

The Healing of Naaman

What "small" things have you refused to do for God?

2 KINGS 11:1-21

The King Who Was a Kid

Who are your best examples in life?

2 KINGS 22:1-23:3

Discovery of the Lost Book

What happens in your life when the Bible is a "lost book"?

EZRA 3:7-13

Rebuilding the Temple

How do you feel when you're working on a large, important project?

NEHEMIAH 2:1-20

Nehemiah Returns to Jerusalem

What relationships in your life need to be rebuilt?

NEHEMIAH 5:1-19

Nehemiah's Concern for the Poor

How do you help the poor?

NEHEMIAH 8:1-18

Reading God's Word

What are your expectations when you open God's Word?

ESTHER 1:1-22

The Fall of a Queen

How often do you take the important people in your life for granted?

ESTHER 2:1-23

A Strange Way to Become Queen

When have difficult or confusing events in your life actually prepared you for something you would experience later?

ESTHER 3:1-15

The Jews in Danger

When are you tempted to compromise your faith?

ESTHER 4:1-17

The Queen Decides to Help

In what ways have you shown your faith?

ESTHER 5:1-14

Esther Risks Her Life

When was the last time you did something scary to obey God?

ESTHER 6:1-7:10

God Protects His People

When is it helpful to remember that God is still in control of the world?

JOB 1:1-22

The Testing of Job

In what situations are you most likely to question God's care?

JOB 2:1-13

Job and His Friends

How do you normally respond to someone else's pain?
How should you respond?

JOB 38:1-41

God Speaks to Job

What things around you remind you of God's greatness?

JOB 42:1-17

The Rest of Job's Story

What difference does it make to know and remember that God always has the last word?

PSALM 1:1-6

Two Kinds of Lives

What kind of person do you really want to be?

PSALM 8:1-9

The Value of Humans

How do you know you have worth?

PSALM 23:1-6

A Sheep's Song

What is the most comforting phrase to you in this psalm?

PSALM 51:1-19

A Confession

What examples of repentance have been parts of your life?

PSALM 103:1-22

What God Is Like

Which picture in this psalm helps you understand God better?

PSALM 139:1-24

How Well God Knows Us

What do you feel when you read this psalm?

PSALM 145:1-21

God for All People and All Time

Which of God's qualities do you need most today?

PROVERBS 4:1-27

Wise Words About Life

How important is finding wisdom to you?

PROVERBS 5:1-23

Wise Words About Sex

How do these words match what you hear around you every day?

ECCLESIASTES 12:1-14

A Summary of Life

In what way can you remember your Creator today?

ISAIAH 6:1-13

God Chooses Isaiah

When did you last realize your continuing need for God's forgiveness?

ISAIAH 53

The Suffering Servant

How would you describe what Jesus did for you?

JEREMIAH 1:1-9

God Calls a Prophet

What do you think about God using your life?

JEREMIAH 36

The Book Burning

How much risk is involved in your relationship with God?

JEREMIAH 38:1-13

Jeremiah in the Well

What part of your life compares in any way with Jeremiah's time in the well?

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

A Valley of Dry Bones

What can you do to help you understand God's plan for the world?

DANIEL 1:1-21

Coping With Pressure to Conform

How do you think Daniel would react to the pressure situations in your life?

DANIEL 2:1-24

A King's Dream

What do you do in situations that seem hopeless?

DANIEL 2:25-49

The Meaning of the Dream

Who gets the credit when things go right in your life?

DANIEL 3:1-30

Three Friends in a Furnace

What examples can you give of God's protection in your life?

DANIEL 5:1-30

The Writing on the Wall

What reasons would God have for passing judgment on the society in which you live?

DANIEL 6:1-28

Daniel and the Lions

When do you pray regularly?

JONAH 1:1-2:10

Bending God's Directions

When did you last try to avoid doing what you knew God wanted you to do?

JONAH 3:1-4:11

Wrong Motives

What do you complain to God about?

New Testament

You'll be reading different parts of the four Gospels
so you can get a good picture of Jesus' life.

LUKE 1:1-4; JOHN 1:1-18

Beginnings

Have you personally received
Jesus as your Savior and
become a child of God?

LUKE 1:5-25

The Angel and Zechariah

How would you react
to an angel's visit?

LUKE 1:26-56

Mary and Elizabeth

What gives you joy in your life?

LUKE 1:57-80

John the Baptist Is Born

When did you last say
thank you to your parents?

MATTHEW 1:1-25

A Family Tree

Which of these people have you
read about in the Old Testament?

LUKE 2:1-20

Jesus Is Born!

What does Christmas mean to you?

LUKE 2:21-39

Jesus' First Trip to Church

How would you react to
holding Jesus when he was a baby?

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Foreign Visitors

What gifts have you given Jesus?

MATTHEW 2:13-23

Escape and Return

How has knowing God brought
excitement into your life?

LUKE 2:41-52

Jesus in the Temple Again

What four words could summarize
what people might say you are like?

LUKE 4:1-13

Temptation

What are your most difficult
temptations? Compare them
to Jesus' temptations.

JOHN 1:19-34

John the Baptist and Jesus

Who do you talk to about Jesus?

JOHN 1:35-51

Jesus' First Disciples

How would someone know
that you believe in Jesus?

JOHN 2:1-25

Jesus and Surprises

How has Jesus surprised
you in your life?

JOHN 3:1-21

Jesus and Nicodemus

When did you first meet Jesus? How?

JOHN 3:22-36; LUKE 3:19-20

John Gets Into Trouble

When has knowing Jesus
ever gotten you into trouble?

JOHN 4:1-42

Jesus Changes a Town

In what ways has Jesus affected your town?

JOHN 4:43-54

Jesus Preaching and Healing

Why do you believe in Jesus?

LUKE 4:16-30

Jesus Rejected

How would Jesus be received in your church next Sunday?

MARK 1:16-39

Jesus Calls People to Follow

What things have you left behind to follow Jesus?

LUKE 5:1-39

Miracles and Questions

How do Jesus' miracles affect you today?

JOHN 5:1-47

Jesus Demonstrates He Is God's Son

What is special to you about Jesus?

MARK 2:23-3:19

Jesus and Disciples

How would Jesus treat your personal traditions?

MATTHEW 5:1-16

Jesus Gives the Beatitudes

Which of these attitudes most needs to be in your life today?

MATTHEW 5:17-30

Jesus on Law, Anger, and Lust

How do Jesus' views compare with yours?

MATTHEW 5:31-48

Jesus on Relationships

What part of your life could be most changed by these words?

MATTHEW 6:1-18

Jesus on Doing Good Things

How do your public and private lives compare?

MATTHEW 6:19-34

Jesus on Money and Worry

In what ways are money and worry related in your life?

MATTHEW 7:1-12

Jesus on Criticizing and Praying

Which one do you do the most? Why?

MATTHEW 7:13-29

How Jesus Looks at Us

What foundation is your life built upon?

LUKE 7:1-17

Jesus and Foreigners

What is your attitude toward foreigners? How can you show them God's love?

MATTHEW 11:1-30

Jesus Describes John

How would you want Jesus to summarize your life?

LUKE 7:36-8:3

Jesus and Women

How would you have fit into the group that followed Jesus?

MATTHEW 12:22-50

Troubles for Jesus

When are you tempted to have Jesus prove himself to you?

MARK 4:1-29

**Jesus Seeks, Plants Seeds,
and Weeds**

What kind of soil is
your life right now?

MATTHEW 13:24-43

More of Jesus' Parables

How concerned are you about whether
people you know will go to heaven?

MATTHEW 13:44-52

Even More Parables

What does the Bible say
the hidden treasure is?

LUKE 8:22-56

Jesus in Control

Which of these examples gives
you the greatest comfort?

MATTHEW 9:27-38

The Concerns of Jesus

How do you picture Jesus
caring for you?

MARK 6:1-13

**Some Don't Listen;
Some Need to Hear**

How clear an idea do you have
of what God wants you to do?

MATTHEW 10:16-42

Jesus Prepares His Disciples

In what ways do Jesus' words
speak to your fears?

MARK 6:14-29

Herod Kills John the Baptist

How can you be like John the Baptist?

MATTHEW 14:13-36

**Jesus: Miracle Worker,
Water Walker, Healer**

Would you have been more
likely to step out with Peter or
to stay in the boat? Why?

JOHN 6:22-40

Jesus Is the Bread From Heaven

How is Jesus "bread" to you?

JOHN 6:41-71

Jesus Is Criticized and Deserted

How do you react when you
hear people make critical
comments about Jesus?

MARK 7:1-37

Jesus Teaches About Purity

What would you like God to do to
improve the purity of your life?

MATTHEW 15:32-16:12

Jesus Feeds and Warns

How do you evaluate what you hear?

MARK 8:22-9:1

Peter Identifies Jesus

In what ways have you come to
understand Jesus better lately?

LUKE 9:28-45

Jesus Is Transfigured

Would you rather leave the
world and be with Jesus or be
with Jesus in the world?

MATTHEW 17:24-18:6

Who's the Greatest?

Does Jesus' teaching about who
is the greatest surprise you? Why?

MARK 9:38-50

Who's on Our Side?

How do you respond to
what other people believe?

MATTHEW 18:10-22

Jesus as He Teaches

How do you react to the
failures of others?

JOHN 7:1-31

Jesus Out in the Open

Which of Jesus' teachings are hard for you to accept?

JOHN 7:32-53

A Warrant for Jesus' Arrest

What does it mean to have "rivers of living water" flowing from inside you?

JOHN 8:1-20

Jesus: Forgiveness and Light

Who is the last person you had to forgive?

JOHN 8:21-59

Jesus: Giver of Freedom

How has Jesus made you free?

LUKE 10:1-24

Jesus Sends Seventy Messengers

What would have been most exciting about this trip for you?

LUKE 10:25-42

Jesus Tells a Story and Visits Friends

Who has been a good Samaritan to you?

LUKE 11:1-13

Jesus Teaches About Prayer

How could your prayer habits be better?

LUKE 11:14-32

Accusations and Unbelief

What are your strongest reasons for being a faithful follower of Jesus?

LUKE 11:33-54

Real Spirituality Versus Unreal Spirituality

Who has noticed light in your life recently?

LUKE 12:1-21

Religious and Rich Fools

When do you get too caught up in the goals of this world?

LUKE 12:22-48

Jesus Warns About Worry

Do you feel worried or hopeful when you think about the future? Why?

LUKE 12:49-59

Jesus Warns About Troubles

What examples have you seen of the problems Jesus mentions?

LUKE 13:1-21

Jesus and the Kingdom of God

When in your life would Jesus have to call for you to repent?

JOHN 9:1-41

Jesus and a Blind Man

What does this story say to you?

JOHN 10:1-18

Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

How have you experienced God's guidance in your life?

LUKE 13:22-35

Jesus: The King Who Grieves

How do you feel about people around you who don't know Jesus?

LUKE 14:1-14

Jesus on Seeking Honor

When would others say that you look out for yourself too much?

LUKE 14:15-35

Jesus on Being His Disciple

What is it going to cost you to be a follower of Jesus? Are you willing to pay the price?

LUKE 15:1-10

**Two Parables of
Losing and Finding**

How do these stories help you
understand God's love for you?

LUKE 15:11-32

A Son Who Was Found

In what ways is this story
like your life?

LUKE 16:1-18

**The Parable of the
Shrewd Accountant**

What does it mean to be
an honest person?

LUKE 16:19-31

The Rich Man and the Beggar

Where are the poor people
in your community? How can
you help the poor?

JOHN 11:1-36

Lazarus Dies

Have you ever been
disappointed with God? Why?

JOHN 11:37-57

Jesus Raises Lazarus

How would you have felt watching
Lazarus walk out of the tomb?

LUKE 17:1-19

Jesus and Ten Lepers

What are you thankful to God for?

LUKE 17:20-37

Jesus and the Kingdom of God

What difference would it make in your
life if Jesus returned today?

LUKE 18:1-14

Jesus Teaches About Prayer

What do you usually pray about?

MARK 10:1-16

Jesus on Family Matters

How far will you go
to keep your word?

MARK 10:17-31

Jesus and the Rich Man

What's the hardest thing
Jesus could ask you to give up?

MATTHEW 20:1-19

A Parable About Equal Pay

How often are you jealous of what
God has given to someone else?

MARK 10:35-52

Jesus on Serving Others

In what ways are you
learning to be a servant?

LUKE 19:1-27

Jesus and Zacchaeus

What part of how you look has most
affected how you feel about yourself?

JOHN 12:1-11

A Woman Anoints Jesus

What have you ever "wasted"
to show you love Jesus?

MATTHEW 21:1-17

Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem

If you had been part of the crowd
that day, what would have been
the most memorable moment?

JOHN 12:20-36

**Jesus Explains Why
He Must Die**

How would you explain to someone
why Jesus had to die on the cross?

JOHN 12:37-50

Jesus and His Message

What kinds of pressures make it hard
for you to share your faith in Jesus?

MARK 11:20-33

**Permission to
Pray for Anything**

How bold is your prayer life?

MATTHEW 21:28-46

Two Parables

Which son do you resemble most?

MATTHEW 22:1-14

**Jesus Tells About the
Wedding Feasts**

How does it make you feel to know
that God has invited you to his table?

LUKE 20:20-40

Jesus Answers Questions

How do you feel
about living forever?

MARK 12:28-37

Questions Given and Taken

Who's one person who seems
close to the Kingdom of God?

MATTHEW 23:1-39

Jesus: Warnings and Grieving

Which of these seven warnings
most directly relates to your life?

LUKE 21:1-24

Jesus Talks About the Future

What kind of giving habits
do you have?

LUKE 21:25-38

Jesus on Being Prepared

What does your schedule today
say about your watchfulness?

MATTHEW 25:1-30

Parables About Being Prepared

Which of the people in these two
stories do you identify most with?

MATTHEW 25:31-46

Jesus on the Final Judgment

What people in your life are
you treating in ways you would
want to treat Jesus?

LUKE 22:1-20

The Last Supper

What does the Lord's Supper
mean to you?

JOHN 13:1-20

**Jesus Washes His
Disciples' Feet**

What's the greatest service
someone has done for you?
How do you serve others?

JOHN 13:21-38

A Sad Prediction

How well do you feel
Jesus knows you?

JOHN 14:1-14

Jesus Is the Way

How would you rate your present
level of understanding of
Jesus and his teachings?

JOHN 14:15-31

Jesus Promises the Comforter

How have you experienced
the Holy Spirit?

JOHN 15:1-16

**Jesus on the Vine
and the Branches**

What kind of fruit has God produced
in you?

JOHN 15:17-16:4

Jesus Warns About Troubles

What have you learned
recently about loving others?

JOHN 16:5-33

Jesus on the Holy Spirit and Prayers

How do these verses bring you peace?

JOHN 17:1-26

Jesus Prays

Whom did Jesus pray for?

Whom do you pray for?

MARK 14:27-31

A Broken Promise

Have you made a promise
you couldn't keep?

JOHN 18:25-27

Jesus Betrayed

Have you ever felt like
denying Jesus? What did you do?

MATTHEW 26:57-75

Trial and Denial

How has being a follower
of Jesus complicated your life?

MATTHEW 27:1-10

Judas' Death

When you think of sin, what
personal examples come to mind?

LUKE 23:1-12

Two Political Trials

In what ways has your family
helped you to respond to Jesus?

MARK 15:6-24

Sentencing and Torture

Was there a time you chose to
do the wrong thing on purpose?
Why? What happened?

LUKE 23:32-49

Jesus Crucified

What do you feel when you
read about the Crucifixion?

MATTHEW 27:57-66

Jesus' Body Laid in a Guarded Tomb

Why do you think people
resist believing in Jesus?

JOHN 20:1-18

Jesus Is Alive!

What makes Easter an important
celebration in your life?

MATTHEW 28:8-15

Reactions to the Resurrection

What would your first words to Jesus
be if he appeared to you today?

LUKE 24:13-43

Appearances of Jesus

Would you recognize Jesus if
you saw him today? How?

JOHN 20:24-21:14

More Appearances of Jesus

How has Jesus helped you
with your doubts?

JOHN 21:15-25

Jesus Talks With Peter

What difference would it make
to you to read these verses with your
name in place of Peter's?

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Jesus Gives the Great Commission

What are you doing to obey Jesus?

LUKE 24:44-53

Jesus Says Farewell

How do you find Jesus opening
your mind as you read the Bible?

ACTS 1:1-11

The Departure of Jesus

What one thing would you be
sure to do if you knew Jesus
were coming back today?

ACTS 1:12-26

First Things First

What's your idea of the right amount of time for prayer?

ACTS 2:1-13

An Amazing Gift

What do you think is the main purpose of any gift God has given you?

ACTS 2:14-40

Peter's First Sermon

How would you put the main points of this sermon into your own words?

ACTS 2:41-3:11

Daily Life in the Early Church

What part of these early days would you have enjoyed the most?

ACTS 3:12-4:4

Peter's Second Sermon

If you were given three minutes to tell the story of Jesus, what would you say?

ACTS 4:5-22

Hostile Reactions

What excuses might you use to keep from sharing your faith?

ACTS 4:23-37

Praying and Sharing

When was the last time you shared something with someone else?

ACTS 5:1-16

Strange Events

How often are you tempted to take God lightly?

ACTS 5:17-42

Arrested!

How do you react when you're treated unfairly?

ACTS 6:1-15

Stephen: Special Servant

What are some ways you could help out at church?

ACTS 7:1-29

History Review I

How familiar are you becoming with the history of Christianity?

ACTS 7:30-60

History Review II

How would you want to be more like Stephen?

ACTS 8:1-25

Benefits of Persecution

Which difficulties in your life has God used to help you grow spiritually?

ACTS 8:26-40

Unexpected Appointment

What does your church believe about baptism?

ACTS 9:1-19

Paul Meets Jesus

What unusual events has God used to catch your attention?

ACTS 9:20-31

Paul's New Life

What are three ways that Jesus has changed your life?

ACTS 9:32-42

God Uses Peter

This past week, what special ability did you use to meet someone's need?

ACTS 10:1-23

Peter Sees a Lesson

What lessons has God had to repeat in your life?

ACTS 10:24-48

Peter Learns a Lesson

How has God helped you change your mind about some attitudes?

ACTS 11:1-18

Gentiles Get a Chance

How is God working on your prejudices?

ACTS 11:19-29

Christians Helping One Another

How do you feel when you hear stories of hardships Christians in other countries face? What can you do to help?

ACTS 12:1-25

A Great Escape and Capital Punishment

How do you react when God answers your prayers?

ACTS 13:1-12

Paul and Barnabas: Travel Preaching

Who are some Christians who might help you discover how God wants you to use your time and talents?

ACTS 14:1-28

Response and Reaction

How does the gospel act like Good News in your life?

ACTS 15:1-21

A Church Conference

How important is it for you to talk problems over with other Christians?

ACTS 15:22-41

The Gentiles Are Accepted

In what ways is God changing the way you live?

ACTS 16:1-15

Paul, Silas, and Timothy

How would you describe the spiritual team you're on?

ACTS 16:16-40

Adventures in Jail

How would you react to God using a difficult situation of yours to help another person learn more about him?

ACTS 17:1-15

Different Responses From Two Cities

What part does the Bible play in how you think about what you hear and read?

ACTS 17:16-34

Paul in Athens

What symbols of God's presence do you see around you in society?

ACTS 19:1-20

Paul in Ephesus

When are you most likely to become discouraged?

ACTS 19:21-41

The Riot

When are you most likely to forget that God is in control?

ACTS 20:1-12

Sleeping in Church

How does God respond to your human weaknesses?

ACTS 20:13-38

Saying Goodbye to Ephesus

When have painful goodbyes worked out for the good in your life?

ACTS 21:1-17**Difficult Decision**

What hard decisions do you have to make right now?

ACTS 21:18-36**Paul in Jerusalem**

How important is it to respect what others think is right?

ACTS 21:37-22:29**Paul Speaks**

What are some things God has done for you that you could tell people about?

ACTS 22:30-23:22**A Plan to Kill Paul**

How well do you know your rights as a citizen of your country?

ACTS 23:23-24:27**Paul in Prison**

What would be harder for you, the pressure or the prison?

ACTS 25:1-27**Paul Speaks to Festus**

If Christianity were outlawed, what evidence could be brought against you to prove that you're a Christian?

ACTS 26:1-32**Paul Speaks to Agrippa**

How comfortable are you in explaining your faith?

ACTS 27:1-26**The Storm at Sea**

What is your attitude when you are going through difficulties as part of a group?

ACTS 27:27-44**The Shipwreck**

What scary times in your life has God used to teach you?

ACTS 28:1-14**The Winter on Malta**

How aware of God are you in your everyday life?

ACTS 28:15-31**Paul in Rome**

What would you like to be doing when your time on earth is over?

ROMANS 5:1-11**Faith Brings Joy**

When was the last time you thanked God for all he's done for you?

ROMANS 8:1-18**Truly Free From Sin**

In what ways do you struggle with your sinful nature?

ROMANS 8:19-39**How God Loves**

What things do you sometimes feel might be able to separate you from the love of Jesus? Can they really?

ROMANS 12:1-21**Living Sacrifice**

What act of sacrifice might God allow you to do today?

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13**Real Love**

Which quality of real love do you most need to ask God to increase in your life?

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-20**The Basic Gospel**

What parts of the gospel are really helpful to you in times of doubt or stress?

1 CORINTHIANS 15:42-58**Destiny!**

How much are you looking forward to all Jesus has planned for you?

2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-18

Weak Containers; Strong Contents

Who can you talk to about what you think this passage means?

GALATIANS 5:13-26

Two Radically Different Lives

Who is someone you need to love as you love yourself?

EPHESIANS 1:3-23

God's Action

What special things has God done for you that make you want to praise him?

EPHESIANS 2:1-22

God's Plan

How do you think that God can use your life for his purposes?

EPHESIANS 4:1-16

Picture of the Church

What is your role as part of the church?

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Armor of God

Which of these weapons do you need to learn to use better?

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-18

The Mind of Jesus

In what ways would having Jesus' attitude help you face this day differently?

PHILIPPIANS 3:1-21

Learning Joy

What areas of your life could God be using to teach you joy?

COLOSSIANS 2:1-15

What We Have in Christ

How does your environment affect your relationship with Jesus?

COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

Christian Relationships

What do you think about heaven?

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Spiritual Reputation

How do you think others would describe your spiritual life?

1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-18

Living for God

What's one way you could obey God today?

2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-12

Encouragement

What other Christians could you encourage today?

2 THESSALONIANS 3:1-18

Final Requests

How could you help spread the news about Jesus?

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-16

Always Going Forward

Which of these positive commands need to be more important in your life?

1 TIMOTHY 6:3-21

A Friend's Final Words

How does your attitude toward money match Paul's advice?

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-18

The Importance of Examples

Who has been a good spiritual example for you? How can you thank him or her?

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-17

Last Days

How many of these characteristics are part of your world today?

TITUS 3:1-11; PHILEMON 1:4-7

Good Counsel

Which of these commands apply directly to your life?

HEBREWS 10:19-39

The New Life

What do your prayer habits say about the importance of faith in your life?

HEBREWS 11:1-40

A Review of Faith

How deep is your commitment to Jesus?

HEBREWS 12:1-13

Our Turn

Which of these directions should you follow more carefully to have a real impact on your relationship with God?

JAMES 1:2-27

Tough Times, Happy People

What are you facing where you could use the “James plan” right now?

JAMES 2:1-13

Valuing Other People

How do you treat others?

JAMES 3:1-12

Words as Weapons

How sharp would others consider your tongue?

1 PETER 2:1-25

Living Stones

Which would you choose as the biggest personal challenge in these verses?

1 PETER 3:1-22

Relationships and Pain

How willing are you to carry out your relationships God’s way, even when it’s hard?

2 PETER 1:2-21

Knowing God

What would you say if someone asked you what it means to know God?

1 JOHN 1:1-10

The Way of Forgiveness

What part does confessing your sins play in your life?

1 JOHN 3:1-24

God Is Love

How can you tell if your love is really growing?

1 JOHN 5:1-21

The Life God Gives

How do you know that you have eternal life?

2 JOHN 1:4-6; 3 JOHN 1:5-8;

JUDE 1:17-25

Family Matters

How often do you go out of your way to meet the needs of other Christians?

REVELATION 1:1-20

Jesus the King

How would you describe your mental picture of Jesus?

REVELATION 21:1-27

Everything Made New

What difference do you think you will most notice between the new world and the old?

REVELATION 22:1-21

Life in the New City

What makes you excited about heaven?