

The Bible Matters Here:

Reading the Bible Together as a Congregation

Beginning January 1, 2022, the people of Mustang UMC will be taking an incredible journey through the Bible together in a year. This is a big undertaking, but it is a worthwhile adventure.

Have you tried to read the Bible before, but felt it was strange, intimidating, and difficult to understand?

You are not alone. The Bible is an immensely complex book. It's originally written in different languages, by people in different cultures, in a world that often looks very different than ours. To best understand the Bible, you have to a. Read the Bible and b. Utilize tools that give you context.

That is why we are going to utilize the Read Scripture App from The Bible Project. They have a year-long reading plan and accompanying videos that help to provide vital background and context so you can have a better understanding of what you are reading each day.

How do I access the Bible Reading Plan?

The best way is to download the app "Read Scripture" on your phone or tablet. (You can access it at www.readscripture.com.) It has everything you need to start your plan including videos already embedded in the plan. Also, we have attached a reading plan for January with the accompanying videos that you can watch on YouTube under The Bible Project.

How much reading is involved each day?

It will take about 10-15 minutes a day to read the 2-5 chapters set aside for that day. Each day as part of the plan, you will read a Psalm and the selected chapters for the day. Additionally, if there is a video to watch, then it will add between 4-8 minutes for the video.

Are there any tips for reading the Bible in a year?

Habit. Habit. Habit. You have to set aside time for this to happen, and you need to let it be part of your routine. It takes about 40 days to set a habit, so the first month is important for you to get a great start. Find the time and way it works best for you.

Expectations. Some days the Bible will be illuminating and inspiring. Other days you'll have checked a box, and that is ok! Not every day can be the most inspiring.

Accountability. Most of us are more successful if we are accountable to others. So, tell someone that you are doing it. You can fill out the online form or card and let us know that you are IN. (<https://forms.gle/gDvR7PgkkSqx3ZTb7>)

What else should I know?

In addition to reading scripture together, we will be memorizing a monthly scripture together. If you miss a day, then catch up. Why let one rough day get in the way of a great thing?

January Reading Plan

- Jan. 1- Genesis 1-3/ Psalm 1/ Video Tree of Life
- Jan. 2- Genesis 4-7/ Psalm 2/ Video Torah: The Book of Genesis-Part 1
- Jan. 3- Genesis 8-11/ Psalm 3/ Video: How the Read the Bible: Biblical Story
- Jan. 4- Genesis 12-15/ Psalm 4/ Video: Overview: Genesis Ch. 1-11
- Jan. 5- Genesis 16-18/ Psalm 5/ Video: Covenants
- Jan. 6- Genesis 19-21/ Psalm 6/ Video: How to Read the Bible: Literary Styles
- Jan. 7- Genesis 22-24/ Psalm 7/ Video: How to Read the Bible: Ancient Jewish Meditation Literature
- Jan. 8- Genesis 25-28/ Psalm 8/ Video: Image of God
- Jan. 9- Genesis 29-31/ Psalm 9/ Video: Torah: The Book of Genesis Part 2
- Jan. 10- Genesis 32-34/ Psalm 10
- Jan. 11- Genesis 35-37/ Psalm 11
- Jan. 12- Genesis 38-40/ Psalm 12
- Jan. 13- Genesis 41-42/ Psalm 13
- Jan. 14- Genesis 43-45/ Psalm 14
- Jan. 15- Genesis 46-47/ Psalm 15
- Jan. 16- Genesis 48-50/ Psalm 16/ Video: Genesis Ch. 12-50
- Jan. 17- Exodus 1-3/ Psalm 17/ Video: Torah: The Book of Exodus- Part 1
- Jan. 18- Exodus 4-6/ Psalm 18/ Video: How to Read the Bible: Character
- Jan. 19- Exodus 7-9/ Psalm 19
- Jan. 20- Exodus 10-12/ Psalm 20
- Jan. 21- Exodus 13-15/ Psalm 21
- Jan. 22- Exodus 16-18/ Psalm 22/ Video: Overview: Exodus Ch. 1-18
- Jan. 23- Exodus 19-21/ Psalm 23/ Video: Torah: the Book of Exodus Part 2
- Jan. 24- Exodus 22-24/ Psalm 24/ Video: Justice
- Jan. 25- Exodus 25-27/ Psalm 25
- Jan. 26- Exodus 28-29/ Psalm 26
- Jan. 27- Exodus 30-31/ Psalm 27/ Video: Sabbath
- Jan. 28- Exodus 32-34/ Psalm 28/ Video: Character of God
- Jan. 29- Exodus 35-40/ Psalm 29/ Video: Overview: Exodus Ch. 19-40
- Jan. 30- Leviticus 1-4/ Psalm 30/ Video: Torah: The Book of Leviticus
- Jan. 31- Leviticus 5-7/ Psalm 31/ Video: Sacrifice & Atonement