Scripture Reading Schedule

Week 5: February 20-26

Monday	*Exodus 20*
Tuesday	*Exodus 32:1-14*
Wednesday	*Exodus 32:15-35*
Thursday	*Joshua 2*
Friday	*Joshua 5:13-6:27*
Saturday	*Matthew 5*
Psalm of the Week	*Psalm 1*

Week 6: February 27 - March 5

Monday	*Judges 2:6-23*
Tuesday	*Judges 7*
Wednesday	*Esther 2-3*
Thursday	*Esther 4-5*
Friday	*Esther 6:1-9:1*
Saturday	*1 Corinthians 1:18-31*
Psalm of the Week	*Psalm 46*

Week 7: March 6- 12

Monday	*1 Samuel 1*
Tuesday	*1 Samuel 2:1-11*
Wednesday	*1 Samuel 3*
Thursday	*1 Samuel 4:1-11*
Friday	*1 Samuel 5:1-6:13*
Saturday	*1 Corinthians 8*
Psalm of the Week	*Psalm 40*

Week 8: March 13-19

Monday	*1 Samuel 7:2-17*
Tuesday	*1 Samuel 8*
Wednesday	*1 Samuel 9*
Thursday	*1 Samuel 10*
Friday	*1 Samuel 11*
Saturday	*Matthew 27:15-26*
Psalm of the Week	*Psalm 62*

Scripture Reading Schedule

Week 9: March 20-26

Monday	*1 Samuel 12:1-10*
Tuesday	*1 Samuel 12:11-25*
Wednesday	*1 Samuel 13*
Thursday	*1 Samuel 15:1-9*
Friday	*1 Samuel 15:10-35*
Saturday	*Philippians 2:1-11*
Psalm of the Week	*Psalm 72*

Resources for Reading & Understanding the Bible

The Bible Project
www.bibleproject.com

40 Minutes in the Old Testament Podcast
https://www.1517.org/podcasts/40-minutes-in-the-old-testament

30 Minutes in the New Testament Podcast
https://www.1517.org/podcasts/30-minutes-in-the-new-testament

Making Sense of the Bible:
Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today - Adam Hamilton

The Invitation: A Simple Guide to the Bible - Eugene Peterson

Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again - Rachel Held Evans

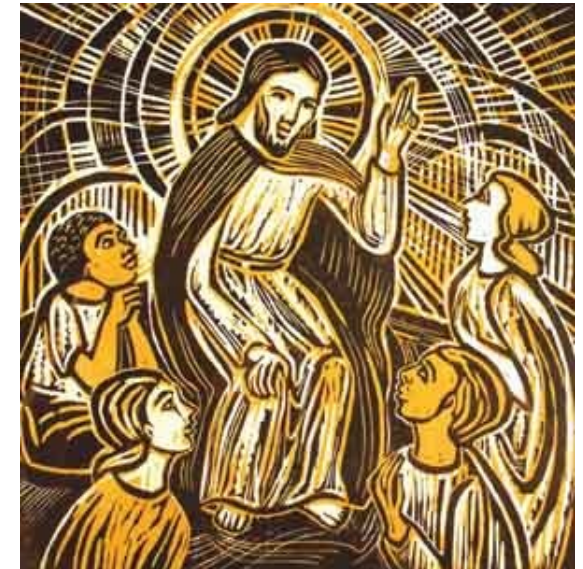Fire by Night: Finding God in the Pages of the Old Testament - Melissa Florer Bixler

A More Christlike Word: Reading Scripture the Emmaus Way - Bradley Jersak

The Bible Tells Me So: Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable to Read It - Peter Enns

The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture - Meghan Larissa Good

What Is the Bible and How Do We Understand It? - Dennis R Edwards

God's Story, Our Story: Reading the Bible Together

January - March 2023

What is the Bible?

The Bible is the inspired word of God that reveals who God is. It is a witness to God's action in the past and future; through its words the Holy Spirit guides people to encounter God today. It is therefore unique among writings and can be trusted as the living and active Word of God.

How this works is that the Bible is like a drop of water; it reflects the world around it and magnifies the world underneath it.

Scripture reflects the world of the ancient cultures that surrounded it. We see the stories and experiences of the ancient Israelites and early Christians reflected back to us. In this reflection we also see our own faces, and our own world in the these stories; we see how the story of God traverses generations to speak to our lives today.

When we look closely at the Bible we discover God magnified underneath each story in the smallest of details at work in the lives of his people. The Bible becomes a lens that allows us to see how God desires to work with us in the world around us.

The Bible is made up of two testaments, the Old Testament consisting of Israel's story, and the New Testament consisting of the story of Jesus.

Both are the story of God's people. One cannot be understood without the other.

By adding **the story** of Jesus (the Gospels) and **their story with** Jesus Christ to Israel's scriptures, the ancient church believed that **the Bible tells a connected and coherent story.**

From beginning to end, the Bible hangs together around Jesus; who, before he is Mary's baby, is the second person of the Trinity, eternal and pre-existent, by whom all things were made.

Therefore, Jesus Christ is the lens by which all the Bible can be read and understood.

Each story finds its meaning in the person of Jesus.

Reflecting on Scripture

1. Where is God in the story? How is God at work? What does this passage teach you about God?

2. Who are the people in the story? Who would you be in the story? What does this passage teach about being human? About yourself?

3. What stood out about this story? What verse or word? What do you see or picture? What is strange, difficult or uncomfortable about this reading?

4. What do you think this story meant to the people who first heard it? What do you think it means today?

5. How does this story move you toward Jesus? How does this story fit into the bigger story of God's salvation through Jesus?

6. After reading this scripture, what questions do you have? What parts don't you understand? What questions would you ask God? The People?

7. In reading this passage how might it shape your prayers? How might it shape your actions? What does it ask you to do or not to do?

8. What does this scripture teach you about loving God and loving your neighbours?

9. Why does your community need to hear from this story today? How is this story different from the world's stories?

10. What do you hope these words will do? What action should result from them? In one sentence, what is the point of the story?

The Bible is Israel's story. It is the Church's story. It is God's story. If we read it carefully, we will see that it is our story. When we read with ears and hearts open to hear, God speaks and the scriptures convey to us "wonderful words of life."

Scripture Reading Schedule

Week 1: January 23-29

Monday	*Genesis 1:1-19*
Tuesday	*Genesis 1:20-2:4*
Wednesday	*Genesis 2:5-25*
Thursday	*Genesis 3:1-13*
Friday	*Genesis 3:14-24*
Saturday	*Colossians 1:15-23*
Psalm of the Week	*Psalm 19*

Week 2: January 30 - February 5

Monday	*Genesis 4:1-26*
Tuesday	*Genesis 6:12 -8:5*
Wednesday	*Genesis 8:6 -9:17*
Thursday	*Genesis 11:1-9*
Friday	*Genesis 12:1-9*
Saturday	*Galatians 3:1-9*
Psalm of the Week:	*Psalm 121*

Week 3: February 6-12

Monday	Genesis 15:1-11
Tuesday	*Genesis 15:12-21*
Wednesday	*Genesis 22:1-19*
Thursday	*Genesis 27*
Friday	*Genesis 28:1-22*
Saturday	*Romans 4*
Psalm of the Week:	*Psalm 105*

Week 4: February 13-19

Monday	*Exodus 1*
Tuesday	*Exodus 2*
Wednesday	*Exodus 3*
Thursday	*Exodus 13:17-14:4*
Friday	*Exodus 14:5-15:21*
Saturday	*Luke 8:22-39*
Psalm of the Week	*Luke 1:46-55 (Mary's Song)*