

Scripture Reading Schedule

Week 5: February 9-15

Monday	Mathew 13
Tuesday	Matthew 14-15
Wednesday	Philippians 3
Thursday	Philippians 4
Friday	Ephesians 4:17-5:2
Saturday	Isaiah 40:1-11

Week 6: February 16-22

Monday	Matthew 16-17
Tuesday	Matthew 18-19
Wednesday	Colossians 1
Thursday	Colossians 2
Friday	Ephesians 5:3-20
Saturday	Isaiah 42:1-9

Week 7: February 23 - March 1

Monday	Matthew 20-21
Tuesday	Matthew 22-23
Wednesday	Colossians 3
Thursday	Colossians 4
Friday	John 17:20-23, 1 Cor. 12:12-27
Saturday	Isaiah 49:5-7

Week 8: March 2-8

Monday	Matthew 24
Tuesday	Matthew 25
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 1-2
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3-4
Friday	Ephesians 5:21-6:9
Saturday	Isaiah 50:4-9

Scripture Reading Schedule

Week 9: March 9-15

Monday	Matthew 26
Tuesday	Matthew 27
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 5
Thursday	2 Thessalonians 1-2
Friday	Ephesians 6:10-20
Saturday	Isaiah 52:13-15

Week 10: March 16-22

Monday	Matthew 28
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 3
Wednesday	Philemon
Thursday	Jude
Friday	John 12
Saturday	Isaiah 53:1-12

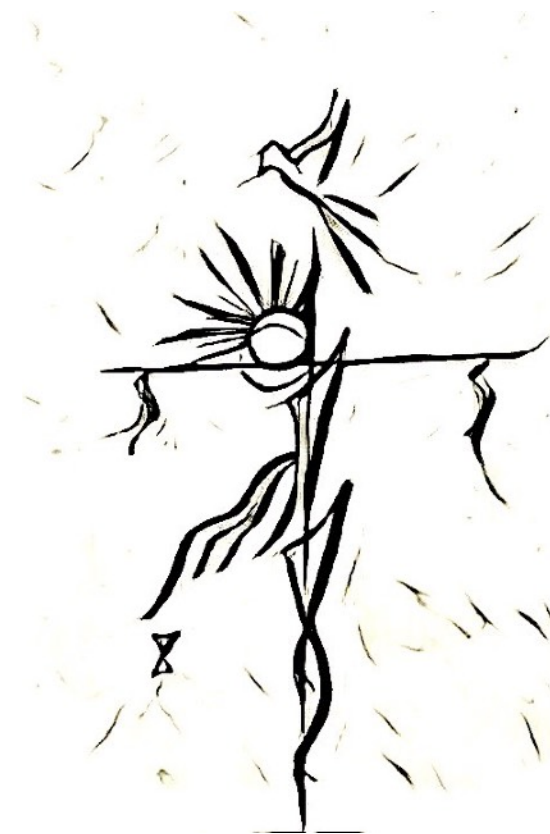
Week 11: March 23-29

Monday	Luke 19:28-44
Tuesday	Luke 19:45-48, 20:1-26
Wednesday	Luke 22:1-13
Thursday	Luke 22:14-34
Friday	Luke 22:39-53
Saturday	Isaiah 61:1-3

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life...He is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

Ephesians 2:10,14

Walking Worthy of the Crucified, Peacemaking Christ



**Winter 2026
Reading Guide**

The book of Ephesians might just be what the church of today needs more than anything – a retelling of the story of God’s grace and power that calls us to live lives that are worthy of it.

In a world with so much hostility, division, violence and enmity – Ephesians announces a gospel of peace that is a good and challenging word, a reminder that the problem is not difference but enmity, that the solution is not violence but the work of Jesus, and that the plan of God is for all things both seen and unseen be brought together in Jesus. To be made whole by the one who gives everything and everyone their full meaning and purpose.

First, the letter to the Ephesians confronts one of our deepest and most persistent problems: our tendency to turn the gospel into a project. Again and again, the church is tempted to imagine that its task is to secure God’s favour, manage its future, or prove its relevance in an anxious world. Ephesians speaks directly into that anxiety by declaring, from the outset, that the decisive work of God has already been done.

Ephesians offers us a big picture vision of God’s action in Christ. It begins not with instruction but with praise. Before we are told how to live, we are told what God has done for us.

God has chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world (Eph 1:4) The church does not exist because it is effective, faithful, or strategic. It exists because God has acted. There is nothing that we can do to make God love us more or less than he already does.

Second, Ephesians names what many modern Christians struggle to articulate: that the problem we face is not simply individual moral failure, but captivity to forces larger than ourselves. Paul describes humanity as “dead in trespasses and sins,” subject to powers that shape desire, fear, and identity (Eph 2:1–2). In an age defined by consumerism, nationalism, polarization, and self-justification, this diagnosis rings true.

The letter insists that the gospel is not advice for coping better within these broken systems, but God’s decisive intervention to free us from them.

That freedom comes “in Christ.” Salvation cannot be reduced to beliefs held or decisions made. Salvation is participation. To belong to Christ is to be united with him into his death, resurrection, and exaltation. This is why Paul speaks in the past tense: God has already made us alive, raised us up, and seated us with Christ (Eph 2:5–6). For a church often driven by fear—fear of decline, fear of judgment, fear of getting it wrong—this is a radically stabilizing claim. Our life with God is not fragile. It is grounded in Christ’s completed work.

Third, if this is true, then now more than ever in a time when divisions—racial, political, cultural, and theological—fracture Christian communities, Ephesians proclaims that reconciliation is not a goal the church must achieve but a reality God has already created. Christ has torn down the walls that divide us and formed one new humanity in himself (Eph 2:14–16). The church is called not to manufacture unity through consensus or control, but to live into the unity God has already given.

Finally, Ephesians matters today because it redefines the church’s mission. The church is not a religious organization trying to influence the world from the outside. It is the body of Christ, the place where Christ’s reign becomes visible (Eph 1:22–23). Christ rules not through domination, but by filling his people with his life. In a culture skeptical of power and weary of religious authority, Ephesians offers a vision of kingship shaped by self-giving love.

Ephesians calls the church to lay down its anxiety, abandon its projects of self-justification, and learn how to live from grace. It reminds us that we are not trying to become God’s people. We already are. The question this letter presses upon the church today is not whether God will act, but whether we will trust what God has already done.

Scripture Reading Schedule

Week 1: January 12-18

Monday	Matthew 1-2
Tuesday	Matthew 3-4
Wednesday	Galatians 1
Thursday	Galatians 2
Friday	Ephesians 2:1-10
Saturday	Isaiah 7:14

Week 2: January 19-25

Monday	Matthew 5
Tuesday	Matthew 6
Wednesday	Galatians 3
Thursday	Galatians 4
Friday	Ephesians 2:11-22
Saturday	Isaiah 9:1-7

Week 3: January 26 - February 1

Monday	Matthew 7-8
Tuesday	Matthew 9
Wednesday	Galatians 5
Thursday	Galatians 6
Friday	Ephesians 3
Saturday	Isaiah 11:1-10

Week 4: February 2-8

Monday	Matthew 10
Tuesday	Matthew 11-12
Wednesday	Philippians 1
Thursday	Philippians 2
Friday	Ephesians 4:1-16
Saturday	Isaiah 26:6-9