

THE GOSPEL

BIBLE READING PLAN

What an incredible opportunity during this summer of 2020 to spend some time with God's Word! This Bible Reading Plan is for those who have never opened the Bible before, and those who have. It is for those who will read by themselves or read with others and even children. We know everyone is in different situations, but we also believe that God wants to meet each of us right where we are! May this time in God's Word richly bless you!

A couple quick tips:

1. Attempt to set aside a specific time when you will go through these readings each day. It can be helpful to try forming a daily habit/rhythm.
2. If you have children, you may want to read through that days reading on your own to formulate some key takeaways or questions before reading and discussing it with your children
3. The questions and prayers are simply prompts. Feel free to make changes as the Holy Spirit leads.

Those who have no Bible knowledge:

1. The large numbers you see in the bible are called chapters; the smaller numbers under chapters are called verses.
2. Something like "Luke 1:22" = "Luke, chapter 1, verse 22".
4. Luke is simply the author of this book/letter found in the Bible. There are many other authors of different books/letters in the Bible as well.

Helpful general overview:

"The Gospel of Luke is in the form of a letter to a man named Theophilus. ... Luke documents Christ's life from before his birth through his ministry, death, and resurrection. Jesus carried out his ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit, announcing the good news of salvation. He showed numerous times his compassion for the poor and the outcast. He fulfilled prophecy and carried out his purpose: to seek and save the lost. ... Luke, a physician and a colleague of Paul, probably wrote this account in the early 60s a.d. He also wrote Acts." (English Standard Version, 2016)

"Luke presents the story of Jesus' life as a journey. The story begins at the Jerusalem temple (1:8), climaxes with Jesus teaching at the temple some 30 years later (19:45–21:38), and ends at the temple (24:53) after Jesus is crucified, buried, resurrected, and ascended outside the city. (The Lutheran Study Bible, 2009)

May this time in God's Word richly bless you as you listen to Him speak.

Day 1

Read - **Luke 1:1-56**

Those with young children read

Luke 1:26-38

According to the first 4 verses, why was the gospel of Luke written?

Reflect on the difference between Zechariah's and Mary's interaction with the angel.

What might we learn from Mary's exchange with the angel?

Spend 30 seconds in prayer thanking God for 1 thing.

Day 2

Read - **Luke 1:57-80**

Those with young children read - **Luke 1:57-66**

Underline with a pen or highlighter one verse that stood out to you?

Reflect or talk about that one verse and why it stood out to you.

What might God be saying to you from today's reading?

Spend 30 seconds in prayer thanking God for something that stood out in the reading today.

Day 3

Read - **Luke 2:1-40**

Those with young children read - **Luke 2:1-21**

Underline one verse that stood out to you?

What were some things that were said about Jesus in these passages?

What do some of these things tell us about Jesus?

Have each person who is comfortable say a prayer thanking Jesus for something He has done for them.

Day 4

Read - **Luke 2:41-52**

Those with young children read - **Luke 2:41-52**

Talk about or think about what in this story stands out to you.

Why do you think Luke included this story in the Bible?

Is today's reading teaching me something important about Jesus?

Spend 1 minute in prayer thanking God for where you saw him work recently in your life.

Day 5

Read - **Luke 3:1-22**

Those with young children read - **Luke 3:1-14**

Underline in your Bible one verse that stood out to you.

Why did you underline this verse?

What might God be saying to you today as you read this section of the gospel?

Spend 2 minutes in prayer, thanking God for something and asking him to forgive you for where you too have maybe not loved people as well as you could.

Day 6

Read - **Luke 3:23-38**

Those with young children read - **Ephesians 6:1-4**

For those reading Luke, why might this genealogy be important for Luke to add to this gospel?

What does this say about who Jesus is?

Those reading Ephesians tonight, why is it important to obey our Moms and Dads?

Is there ever a time when we should not obey them? (Yes if they were to ask us to do something contrary to God's Word)

Spend a couple of minutes thanking God for something specific that happened recently, and asking Him for something you might need right now.

Day 7

Read - **Luke 4:1-30**

Those with young children read - **Luke 4:1-15**

What might God be trying to teach me from today's reading?

Is there something I didn't understand from today's reading?

Looking at verses 8 and 18, what do they teach you?

Have each person who is comfortable pray something they are thankful for from the reading today.

Day 8

Read - **Luke 4:31-44**

Those with young children read - **Luke 4:31-37**

Underline in your Bible one verse that stood out to you?

How might it bring you comfort learning that Jesus has power even over demons?

What questions might come to mind as I am listening to Jesus speak today?

Spend some time thanking God for being all powerful. Then pray for some people you know who are sick.

Day 9

Read - **Luke 5:1-26**

Those with young children read - **Luke 5:1-11**

What might Jesus mean by what he says in verse 10?

What might God be saying to me in today's reading?

How might what I heard be applied to my life or current situation?

Spend some time asking Jesus to lead and guide you and those who are under your care and for the courage to follow Him where He might lead.

Day 10

Read - **Luke 5:27-39**

Those with young children read - **Luke 5:27-32**

Underline in your Bible one verse that stood out to you?

What might God be trying to teach me from that one verse today?

What questions might come to mind as I am listening to Jesus speak today?

Spend a few minutes thanking God that He has saved you and has led you to repentance, then ask Him for the courage to share that good news with someone else who maybe doesn't know this yet.

Day 11

Read - **Luke 6:1-26**

Those with young children read - **Luke 6:6-11**

Underline in your Bible one verse that stood out to you? (Have kids pick what verses they liked)

In what ways might what happened in today's reading apply to your life today?

Why do you think people were angry with Jesus in verse 11?

Spend a few minutes in prayer, thanking God for something and asking for Him to continue to guide you with something you need guidance with right now.

Day 12

Read - **Luke 6:27-49**

Those with young children read - **Luke 6:27-36**

Have each person pick out what they found most interesting from today's reading? Maybe underline this portion.

Why do you think this stood out to you?

What is God saying to you today in these words?

Think about someone you know who you don't really like...then spend 2 or 3 minutes praying for them.

Day 13

Read - **Luke 7:1-35**

Those with young children read - **Luke 7:11-17**

What might today's reading be teaching me about God today?

What questions do you have as you listen to Jesus and see how he works in today's reading?

What are some implications with Jesus raising the widow's son from the dead?

As you pray today, think about how you could take what you heard today and make it into a prayer. Then pray.

Day 14

Read - **Luke 7:36-50**

Those with young children read - **Luke 7:36-50**

What is the primary point of what Jesus is doing and teaching in this passage?

Is today's reading teaching me something about God today? What might that be?

How does Jesus have the power to forgive this woman's sins?

Spend a few minutes asking God to forgive you your sins. Then ask God to give you the strength and courage to forgive someone.

Day 15

Read - **Luke 8:1-25**

Those with young children read - **Luke 8:22-25**

Which portion of today's reading especially stood out to you? Why? How might what you heard be applied to your life or current situations going on around you?

What could it mean that Jesus has the power over the wind and the sea?

Spend some time in silence before God, reflecting on what Jesus might be saying to you and or your family today.

Day 16

Read - **Luke 8:26-56**

Those with young children read - **Luke 8:40-56**

Is there something I didn't understand from today's reading?

Who is someone I could possibly ask about what I didn't understand?

What is Jesus demonstrating in these stories?

Have someone thank God for something. If there are multiple people, have someone else say a prayer for someone y'all know who needs help right now.

Day 17

Read - **Luke 9:1-27**

Those with young children read - **Luke 9:10-17**

If Jesus can take a few fishes and bread and feed thousands, what might that mean as it relates to your life today?

Underline in your Bible one verse that stood out to you?

What might God be saying to you in today's reading?

Spend 2 minutes praying for God to continue to give you and those you know strength to "suffer well" the crosses you bear.

Day 18

Read - **Luke 9:28-62**

Those with young children read - **Luke 9:37-48**

Is today's reading teaching you something about God today?

What does Jesus teach today about being the greatest?

What are some possible implications of vs 44?

Spend two or three minutes just talking with Jesus, sharing with him whatever is on your mind.

Day 19

Read - **Luke 10:1-20**

Those with young children read - **Luke 10:1-12 and 17-20**

How might these passages speak to us today as it pertains to us being sent by God to our neighbors?

What might be something God is saying to you today?

Is today's reading teaching you something about God today?

Take a few minutes to ask the Lord for opportunities where you might be able to share Him with someone else. Then pray for the courage needed to follow through with those opportunities.

Day 20

Read - **Luke 10:21-42**

Those with young children read - **Luke 10:25-37**

Is there something going on in your life that correlates with what happened in the reading today?

What was your favorite part of the reading(s) for today?

Why do you think this stood out to you?

What can we learn and put into practice from these readings?

Spend 5 minutes in prayer with half that time just sitting...doing nothing in the presence of the Lord. The second part, thank Jesus for the time to be able to simply sit at His feet to learn from Him. Finish by thanking Him for speaking.

Day 21

Read - **Luke 11:1-28**

Those with young children read - **Luke 11:1-12**

Underline in your Bible one verse that stood out to you?

Why did you pick this verse?

What questions come to mind as you are listening to Jesus speak today?

What might Jesus be trying to say to you about prayer?

What can we learn from verse 13?

Today for your prayer, slowly recite the Lord's Prayer. Then ask Jesus to strengthen you with His Spirit today.

Day 22

Read - **Luke 11:29-54**

Those with young children read - **Luke 11:37-44**

What might Jesus mean when he talks about the pharisees cleaning only the outside of the cup?

How does Jesus cleanse us from the inside out?

What does today's reading teach you about Jesus today?

Say a short 30 second prayer asking God to cleanse you from all your sin. Then spend another 30 seconds praising Him for His forgiveness He won for you on the cross.

Day 23

Read - **Luke 12:1-34**

For those with young children read - **Luke 12:22-34**

Underline in your Bible one verse that stood out to you?

What might God be saying to you in today's reading?

Is there something going on in your life that correlates with what you heard today?

Spend some time sharing out loud with Jesus the things you are scared about...then ask Him for the strength to give these fears over to Him.

Day 24

Read - **Luke 12:35-59**

For those with young children read - **Luke 12:35-40**

What does it mean to "be ready" for Jesus to return?

Why is it such a struggle to "be ready"?

What might God be trying to teach you from today's reading?

Take a minute to thank God for the promise He will return soon to make all things new. Then ask God to help you remain vigilante as you await His return.

Day 25

Read - **Luke 13:1-17**

For those with young children read - **Luke 13:10-17**

What stuck out to you from these readings?

In the story of the woman how do you think the woman's life changed after meeting Jesus?

What is something God did in today's reading? Did He do anything else?

Say a prayer thanking God for something, asking God for something, and praying for someone else and their need?

Day 26

Read - **Luke 13:18-35**

Those with young children read - **Luke 13:22-30**

What questions come to mind as you are listening to Jesus speak today?

What might Jesus be saying when He mentions the "narrow door"? Is there something going on in your life or the surrounding culture that correlates with what Jesus is saying in today's reading?

Spend 3 minutes in prayer talking to God about whatever might be on your mind. If there are multiple people gathered together, those who feel comfortable can share the time.

Day 27

Read - **Luke 14:1-24**

Those with young children read - **Luke 14:12-24**

What stood out to you from today's readings?

What might Jesus be saying to you today in the Parable of the Great Banquet?

Is there someone the Lord is putting on your mind who you could maybe connect with in some way?

Today pray that the Holy Spirit would help you to identify someone who you could maybe reach out to, then pray for the courage to actually reach out to this person.

Day 28

Read - **Luke 14:25-35**

Those with young children read - **Luke 14:25-33**

Jesus sounds a bit "direct" even "harsh" in this reading. Why do you think that is?

What might God be saying to you in today's reading?

What might Jesus be saying in verse 33?

Spend 2 minutes in prayer, asking God to help you grow as one of His followers, then thank Him for a few things He has especially done for you recently.

Day 29

Read - **Luke 15:1-10**

Those with young children read - **Luke 15:1-7**

What stands out to you as interesting or maybe even odd in these parables from Jesus?

What might the Holy Spirit be trying to teach you from these passages?

What might this reading teach us about humanity? How about God?

Think about those you know who do not know Jesus. Write their names down on a sticky note and pray that they would be found. Then ask the Lord for direction as to how you can participate in this work of reaching out.

Day 30

Read - **Luke 15:11-32**

Those with young children read

Luke 15:11-32

What differences do you notice between this parable and the two that come before it in chapter 15?

Which character in the story do you most see in yourself today?

What might God be trying to say to you today through this story?

Spend a minute asking God for forgiveness for any wrongs you may have committed. Spend another minute asking God to give you a tender heart towards others who have wandered away.

Day 31

Read - **Luke 16:1-18**

Those with young children read - **Luke 16:1-13**

What stands out as odd or interesting in these passages?

What might Jesus be saying directly to you today in these passages?

Is there something going on in your life that correlates with what happened in the reading today?

Share with God anything that might be on your mind today. Spend some time speaking to Him out loud.

Day 32

Read - **Luke 16:19-31**

Those with young children read - **Luke 16:19-31**

Why do you suppose Lazarus' name is used but the other man is simply called "the rich man"?

What might God be trying to teach you from today's reading?

What other questions come up in your mind as you were reading this today? How might you search for answers?

Spend 30 seconds simply praising God for who He is. Then spend another minute thanking Him for knowing your name and calling you His own.

Day 33

Read - **Luke 17:1-19**

Those with young children read - **Luke 17:1-4 and 11-19**

When you consider verse 4, what struggles come to mind? What comfort comes to mind?

What other parts of today's reading stood out to you?

What in your life right might be making it so these verses are being highlighted?

Spend a few minutes asking God to give you the strength and courage to forgive someone who you don't maybe want to. Then spend another minute thanking Him for the forgiveness He gives to you.

Day 34

Read - **Luke 17:20-37**

Those with young children read - **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

What initially jumped out at you from today's reading?

When you think about Jesus promising to return one day soon, what thoughts or feelings come up in your mind?

How might our lives change if we were to live as if Jesus were returning soon? How about today?

Spend 30 seconds thanking Jesus for making it clear to us He will return. Then ask Him to help you grow in this understanding and what it means for our daily living now.

Day 35

Read - **Luke 18:1-14**

Those with young children read - **Luke 18:9-14**

What stood out to you in these parables?

Is there something going on in your life that correlates with what happened in the reading today?

What might God be saying to you in today's reading?

Spend a short moment just sitting still before God in His presence, then spend a moment thanking Him for anything on your mind, then spend a moment asking for forgiveness for anything you might want to share with Him, and lastly spend a moment asking Him for anything you may need. (One person leads the whole prayer tonight)

Day 36

Read - **Luke 18:15-43**

Those with young children read - **Luke 18:15-30**

Underline in your Bible one or two verses that stood out to you?

Why did these verses stand out to you?

Notice the contrast between the "children" in verse 17 and the "ruler" in verse 18. What might Jesus be telling you today from this distinction?

Have the youngest person present pray. If they aren't quite sure what to say, you can have them repeat after an adult a few simple thoughts.

Day 37

Read - **Luke 19:1-27**

Those with young children read - **Luke 19:1-10**

What questions come to mind as you watching and listening to Jesus today?

What does this reading teach you about humanity?

What might God be saying to you in today's reading?

Slowly pray the Lord's Prayer all together.

Day 38

Read - **Luke 19:28-48**

Those with young children read - **Luke 19:28-40**

Is there something going on in your life today that draws your attention to something from the reading?

Is today's reading teaching you something about God today?

What questions come to mind as you are listening to Jesus speak today?

Take turns thanking God for one thing, and praying for someone you know who needs to hear about Jesus.

Day 39

Read - **Luke 20:1-26**

Those with young children read - **Luke 20:1-18**

What questions came to mind as you were listening and watching Jesus today?

Is there something going on in your life that correlates with what happened in the reading today?

What might Jesus be referring to in verses 9-18?

Spend a minute asking God for Wisdom, Discernment, and Understanding as you continue to grow in Him.

Day 40

Read - **Luke 20:27-47**

Those with young children read - **Revelation 21:1-8**

What stands out to you regarding what Jesus says of heaven today?

What feelings or questions come up as you listen to the readings today?

What might God be trying to teach you from today's reading?

Spend a few minutes simply thanking Jesus for His death and resurrection making the way to our heavenly home.

Day 41

Read - **Luke 21:1-19**

Those with young children read - **Luke 21:1-9**

Underline in your Bible one verse that stood out to you?

Talk about or think about why Jesus highlighted the poor widow to his disciples?

What might Jesus be talking about as He discusses the temple?

Pray the Lord's Prayer tonight and then talk to the Lord about whatever else you would like.

Day 42

Read - **Luke 21:20-38**

Those with young children read - **Luke 21:29-38**

What might Jesus mean when he says in verse 36, "stay awake at all times"?

Is there something you didn't understand from today's reading?

Is there something you in these verses you had never thought about before?

Spend a minute asking God to give you the courage to continue reaching out to your neighbors with the love of Jesus.

Day 43

Read - **Luke 22:1-38**

Those with young children read - **Luke 22:14-30**

Underline in your Bible one or two verses that stood out to you?

What is something God did in today's reading?

What might be something Jesus wants you to take with you today from His Words?

Reflect on your day ahead or behind, and respond to the Lord with what you think about as you reflect.

Day 44

Read - **Luke 22:39-71**

Those with young children read - **Luke 22:39-53**

What is one word that is sticking out to you in the reading?

What do we learn about mankind in today's reading?

What do we learn about God in today's reading?

Spend a few minutes thanking Jesus for His willingness to follow through with going to the cross to pay the price for your sin.

Day 45

Read - **Luke 23:1-25**

Those with young children read - **Luke 23:18-25**

Why do you think Jesus allowed for Himself to undergo what took place in our reading today?

Jesus only speaks once in today's reading? Why do you think that is?

What do we learn about God from today's reading?

Spend a few minutes talking to God about whatever is on your mind.

Day 46

Read - **Luke 23:26-56**

Those with young children read

Luke 23:26-56

What stood out to you from today's reading?

What did you hear?

What did you see?

Is today's reading teaching you something about Jesus today?

Spend a minute thanking Jesus for dying for you, so you could be forgiven of all your sins.

Day 47

Read - **Luke 24:1-35**

Those with young children read - **Luke 24:1-12**

What might God be saying to you in today's reading?

Is there something going on in your life that correlates with what happened in the reading today?

What questions come to mind as you are listening to what happened today?

Spend a minute thanking Jesus for rising from the dead and that one day you too will rise from the dead.

Day 48

Read - **Luke 24:36-53**

Those with young children read - **Luke 24:36-49**

Underline in your Bible one verse that stood out to you?

What might God be trying to teach you from today's reading?

How might what you heard be applied to your life or current situation going on around you?

Spend some time thanking God for His Word and the time we have been able to spend in it these past weeks. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you direction for how you might continue to grow.