

Daily Bible Reading Assignment #1 (due at the beginning of Week 2)

Name _____ Instructor _____ Date _____

Starting tomorrow, set time aside in your schedule to complete the readings below.

Check the box next to each chapter that you read. The checked boxes should honestly reflect the Bible reading you have done that week.

Beside each reading below are things to watch for and questions for reflection. These questions are to help guide your reading. We are **not** asking you to turn in written answers to these. We **are** asking you to write written answers to the *other side of this sheet*—the application questions under “Looking back on the week.” At the beginning of each week of class, please turn in this sheet of readings and your written responses to “Looking back on the week.”

Day 1

- Genesis 12 – This chapter, especially 12:1-3, is a major text in God’s plan for humanity. God will build a nation that “blesses” (or positively impacts) the rest of the nations. What happened in verses 4-20 that would have made it difficult to believe God’s promise of offspring and possession of the land?
- Genesis 13 – Again, look for obstacles to the promise to Abraham that you read about in Genesis 12. What steps of faith do you see Abraham taking?

Day 2

- Genesis 22:1-18 – God puts Abraham’s faith to the test. How do you know that Abraham believed God’s promise in Genesis 12? How is this passage similar to Jesus’ statement in John 3:16?

Day 3

- Joshua 1 – Notice how Joshua urges the Israelites not to be afraid. Why should they not be afraid? How should they practically trust God to protect them?
- Judges 6,7 – Why is Gideon not a likely leader for the Israelites? How does God strengthen Gideon against his fears? Why does God reduce the size of Gideon’s army?

Day 4

- 1 Kings 17 – How does God train Elijah to trust Him in this chapter?
- 1 Kings 18 - How does Elijah’s training in chapter 17 prepare him for what happens in this chapter?

Day 5

- Psalm 1 – Notice the blessings God promises to those who meditate on His Word. Notice the consequences God promises to those who disregard His Word.
- Psalm 22 – What is happening to the person described in this Psalm? Why does David describe this about himself even though he did not suffer like this? Why does Jesus quote this Psalm in Matt. 27:46?

Day 6

- Job 1-3 – What strikes you about what happens to Job? What strikes you about Job’s response?
- Job 38-42 – What strikes you about God’s response to Job? What strikes you about Job’s response to God?

Daily Bible Reading Assignment #2 (due at the beginning of Week 3)

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Day 7

- Exodus 20 – Notice the law of God, the reaction of the Israelites, and Moses' response to the Israelites.
- Deuteronomy 10:12,13 – *Why* does God give these commands?
- Deuteronomy 28-30 – Notice what is at stake for Israel in regard to their obedience to God's commands.

Day 8

- Leviticus 16 – This is Day of Atonement. What recurrent themes do you notice?
- Leviticus 19 – This is a typical set of laws in the Law of Moses. Which laws seem to be purely moral? Which laws seem to be ceremonial/ritual? Which laws seem to be civil?

Day 9

- 2 Samuel 7:1-16 – This passage, along with the reading last week in Genesis 12, forms a second key thread in God's plan: a coming kingdom that will last forever.
- Isaiah 9:6,7 – This passage was written nearly 300 years after the 2 Sam. 7 passage. How does it tie in with that passage? How does it expand on that passage?
- Daniel 7:13,14 – Notice that this passage combines the promises of Genesis 12 (the nations of the world) and 2 Samuel 7 (the coming kingdom). How does it expand on those passages?

Day 10

- Isaiah 52:13-53:12 - What does this servant rescue people from? How does he rescue them? How is he different from the people he saves? Why does 1 Peter 2:21-25 apply this passage to Jesus?
- Isaiah 61:1-9 – Who is speaking? How is he related to God? What will he provide for God's people? Why does Jesus quote vs. 1,2a in Luke 4:16-21?

Day 11

- Isaiah 1:10-21 – Notice God's view of religious formality and His desire to give grace.
- Jeremiah 2:11-13; 3:20-22; 6:13-14 – Why is God so upset about His people forgetting His law, worshiping other gods, etc.?

Day 12

- Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:25-28 – What will God provide in the future for unfaithful Israel?
- Ezekiel 37:24-28 – This passage was written centuries after King David lived – yet it refers to a future "David." What will this future "David" do and provide?

Daily Bible Reading Assignment #3 (due at the beginning of Week 4)

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Day 13

- John 1:1-18 – Who is the “word?” How is the word related to God?
- Luke 2:1-20 – Who is this Child? How is He born? Why would God have this Child born in this way?
- Luke 5:27-32 – Notice who Jesus hung around with. Why did the religious people react negatively to this? How did Jesus react to their reaction?

Day 14

- Matthew 8,9 – Notice the different kinds of miracles Jesus performed. What motivated Jesus to do this? What lesson did He want His disciples to learn from this?
- John 14-16 – What does Jesus promise that the Holy Spirit will do for His followers?

Day 15

- Luke 22:1-24:12 - This is the narrative of Jesus' crucifixion. Read it in one sitting.

Day 16

- Acts 1:8 – What is the connection between experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit and being His witness? Have you experienced His power?
- Acts 1 & 2 – Notice how God pours out His Spirit and the impact of this event. Notice the lifestyle of the early Christians in 2:42-47.
- Acts 6:7; 9:31; 12:24; 16:5; 19:20 – Notice the concern for the growth of the early Christian movement. Do you believe that can happen today?

Day 17

- Acts 8 – Notice how God orchestrated a meeting between Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch? Do you think God still does this sort of thing?
- Acts 10 – Notice how resistant Peter was to God's directions? Yet notice how God worked through Peter. How does this affect your thoughts about reaching out to people who don't know Christ?

Day 18

- Acts 13 – Notice the different activities of the Holy Spirit in this chapter.
- Acts 16 – Notice the different kinds of people that responded to the message of Christ and the different ways God reached them.
- Acts 18:9,10 – Notice why Paul is told by God not to be afraid.

Daily Bible Reading Assignment #4 (due at the beginning of Week 5)

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Day 19

- Colossians 1 – Notice the dynamics of the early Christian movement in 1:4-8. Why was it growing? Notice the main elements of the prayer for progress in 1:9-14. Why does Paul say that Jesus is supreme (1:15-23)?
- Colossians 2 – What different things did Jesus accomplished through His death (2:10-15)? Why is Paul against the religious activities described in 2:16-23?

Day 20

- Colossians 3:1-16 – What priorities does Paul say should characterize the Christian lifestyle? What reasons does he give for why we should pursue these priorities?
- Colossians 3:17-4:6 – How should Christians conduct themselves toward those who do not believe in Jesus? In 4:2-6 notice the advice given for how to verbally share your faith with others.

Day 21

Notice in the two chapters below the recurring focus on the advancement of the gospel.

- Philippians 1
- Philippians 2

Day 22

For these chapters of 2 Timothy, notice what key aspects of Christian spiritual leadership Paul emphasizes.

- 2 Timothy 2
- 2 Timothy 4

Day 23

- Revelation 1 – Look for how Jesus is both a Savior and King.
- Revelation 2,3 – Which of these seven brief letters can you relate to most? What is helpful about Jesus' diagnosis? What is helpful about His counsel?

Day 24

- Revelation 7:9,10 – Notice this fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3.
- Revelation 21,22 – Notice how the problems that began in Genesis (withdrawal of the tree of life, scattered nations, the curse; forfeited rulership) are resolved.

