



Do you want to read, understand and love Scripture?

**Join us October 1st - December 31st, 2024
for a chronological reading plan for
the New Testament called The Bible Recap**

Reading takes about 12 minutes every day. Use your bible or download the Bible App or Life Bible app and follow the daily Bible Recap plan.

Optional podcast take about 8-10 minutes every day and will give you a summary of the storyline, finishing with The God shot - a focus on what we learned about God and His Character.



The podcast can be found by subscribing to The Bible Recap podcast or YouTube channel available on YouTube, Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Podbean, Stitcher, Google, WayNation. Listed below are some optional podcasts to watch before beginning on October 1.

Prep Episode 1 notes: Let's Read the Bible in A Year

- Come at the level you are at- this is for everyone.
- Chronological- Story of scripture as it happens.
- Read and understand the Bible and the character of God revealed in the reading.
- Develop personal knowledge of God, looking for God as you read.
- Use the version of the Bible that works for you. EVS is a word for word. Don't need to buy a new bible.
- The Bible app allows you to listen to different versions and find the one that is right for you.

Prep Episode 2 notes: How I Learned to Love (Reading) the Bible

- Tera-Leigh Cobble tells her story
- Hard at times to accept what she read, it was confusing and challenging
- Changed her lens to focus on who God is and she found Him and fell in Love.
- Saw the whole picture of what and why.
- Pray before - ask God to help you in your journey.

Prep Episode 3 notes: Why Reading the Bible is Important (interview with Lee McDerment)

- Don't look at yourself as you read the Bible- look for God. What does He love, what Does He hate, what motivates Him to do what He does. Look for any other names or attributes of His character that you see. Lee commented "You're reading it like a mirror and it's not a story about you, it's a story about God.
- What is in the Old Testament concealed is in the New Testament revealed.
- First time you read the Bible, don't read like you have to do a word by word study. What's important is a cinematic overview, what's important isn't word for word but what you remember about the story and that you fall in love with the character. Allow the person of Jesus Christ to be revealed.
- What you read now and don't understand may likely be revealed later.
- Every time you read it things will be revealed; the Holy Spirit and the mystery of God.
- The Bible is a "vehicle for friendship with God."



Prep Episode 4 notes: Preparing to Read Your Bible

- Set a time when you will read and schedule it on your calendar. Name your time “God Time” or “Bible Time.” Mindset is important- treat this as a relationship.
- Find a location where you can read each day.
- Create a process, this is Tara’s, but you find what works for you.
 - Listen to the bible reading on the Bible App - set the App to notify you to read and what to read each day. Print the Full Year Reading Plan if you are not using the App to see what to read each day.
 - Read out of your Bible, make notes, journal, write down questions you want to research later.
 - Listen to the Podcast.

Prep Episode 5: Avoiding Common Mistakes: What to Look For When You Read the Bible

- Don’t look for yourself in scripture - it is not a to do list
- Questions to ask
 - What did God say in this passage?
 - What did God do?
 - Why did God do what he did in this passage?
 - What did I learn about what God loves?
 - What did I learn about what God hates?
 - What did I learn about who God is?
 - What’s happening in these pages that can be attributed to God?
- Read scripture as a story about God.
- Don’t disregard the context or you won’t see the story unfold.
 - Who wrote the Bible?
 - When did they write it?
 - Who did they write it to?
 - What is the style of writing?
- Don’t draw conclusions until you’ve read the whole thing.
- Hermeneutics- The way we interpret scripture
 - Scripture interprets scripture
 - Interpret unclear passages in light of clear passages
 - Notice if it is descriptive (what’s happening) or prescriptive (What we should do).

Prep Episode 6: Reading the Bible in Community

- Read with one or more people and meet at least once a week.
- Find a church that you are plugged into.

Join Dennis Preston for an overview of the Old Testament with The Bible's Big Story by Harry Wendt.

No Sign up required; choose from 2 sessions on October 20th.

- 9:45 - 11:00am
- 11:15 - 12:30pm

More resources can be found at biblerecap.com or through firstlutheranalexandria.com/the-bible-recap.