

Bible Reading Themes

When reading through the Bible, it can be helpful to look for a particular theme or topic which can lead to rich insights, greater understanding, and meaningful study. We encourage you to choose a theme to look for as you read through the Word this year. You could mark in your Bible where you find your theme, or you could record what you learn about this theme in a journal (there are spiral notebooks available at the materials table if you'd like one). It could be helpful to record your theme inside your journal or write it out on a card to keep in your Bible.

This is simply a tool you may find useful in keeping you focused in your time in the Word. You can use it to the extent that you find it to be helpful. If you have any questions about this, please talk with Lorie or Sarah. Suggested themes include:

Truths about God and His character so that I can know Him better - "The LORD also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, A stronghold in times of trouble; And those who know Your name will put their trust in You, For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You." - Psalm 9:9-10; see also Psalm 103; Psalm 116

Examples of faith in the lives of men and women in Scripture - "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval." - Hebrews 11:1-2
"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." - Hebrews 12:1-2; see also Hebrews 11:1-12:3

Truths which will comfort and strengthen me in times of adversity - "How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart all the day? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; Enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, And my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," And my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken. But I have trusted in Your lovingkindness; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, Because He has dealt bountifully with me." - Psalm 13

Principles and examples that will help me grow in my prayer life (may include worship, intercession, thanks, and/or confession) - "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving." - Colossians 4:2

Truths that will help me fight sin in my life - "Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry." - 1 Corinthians 10:11-14; see also 1 Cor. 10:1-14

Examples of good heart shepherding - "Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name." - Psalm 86:11

Glory (as suggested in lesson 1) - "Then Moses said, 'I pray You, show me Your glory!'" - Exodus 33:18

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." - John 1:14