

## Homework

Our homework helps us to grow in several ways. There will be the opportunity to reflect on and apply the teaching (LOOKING BACK). There will also be ongoing encouragement to persevere in prayerfully meeting with God in His Word through Bible reading (LOOKING DAY BY DAY). In the "LOOKING AHEAD" section, we will look at verses in preparation for the upcoming lesson. And at times, we will have further study into a particular topic that is helpful in the shepherding of our own hearts as well as in our care for others (LOOKING DEEPER).

Wellspring homework will be turned in to your discussion leader as a way for her to get to know you, pray for you, and encourage you.

## Bible Reading

The primary assignment in Wellspring is to daily meet with God as we read His Word and pray. In Wellspring we use a Bible reading plan to facilitate this.

If you already have a reading plan that is working well for you, please continue with it!

If you do not, there are a variety of plans available in the resource section of your Wellspring notebook. These include a plan for reading the Bible through in 2 years, as well as a variety of plans for reading the Bible in 1 year (e.g., chronologically, by genre, reading both Old Testament and New Testament on a consistent basis, McCheyne's reading plan, or the Discipleship Journal plan which has only 25 reading for each month.)

Some of these plans are numbered rather than dated, which you may find helpful if the dates tend to distract you from the real reason behind the reading . . . to meet with God in His Word! Another option is to use a reading plan which is delivered to you through an app or email—just keep in mind that it's important to choose a plan that helps you remember WHY you are reading the Word—to meet with the God of the Word each day!

There is also a "create your own plan" template designed for you to schedule your own daily reading plan through a particular book of the Bible. Since this option will be completed in a shorter amount of time, you will need to choose another plan when you finish. You could either pick a read-through-the-Bible plan at that point, or you could use the "create your own plan" template to read through a different book of the Bible.

Look through the options and select one to begin by October 1st. (NOTE: You can also find the reading plans posted with the week 1 Wellspring resources on the church website.)