

# SCRIPTURE

*The Story, Truth, & Authority of God*





In the Bible we meet a God who is relational to the core: "God is love" (I John 4:8). This loving God made us for relationship too, most especially with Him. Through faith in the reconciling work of Jesus Christ, we can dwell in God's holy presence with boldness and confidence in any and every moment!

To cultivate this relationship, God's people have practiced spiritual disciplines such as prayer, worship, biblical community, and study of and meditation on Scripture. The psalms celebrate those who delight in and meditate on God's law "day and night" (Ps 1:2) with this prayer in their hearts:

"Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I might fear your name." (Ps 86:11).

This fall, NLCC invites you to go on a journey of exploration and practice in the Scriptures. "Oh how I love your law!" declares the psalmist. "I meditate on it all day long" (Ps 119:97). God's Word is "more precious than gold," "sweeter than honey" (Ps 19:10), and "a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (119:105). When we feed daily on Scripture, the Holy Spirit uses these words to give us "the mind of Christ" (see I Cor 2:16, Phil 2:5), transforming our desires, our thoughts, our actions, and our relationships (see Rom 12:1-2, 2 Tim 3:16-17).

# INTRODUCTORY READING PLAN

A Bible Reading plan gives you a systematic way to explore your Bible, whether that means reading every chapter over a year or two (as with NLCC's LIFE Journal plan), or exploring a certain theme over a few days or weeks. If you do this for a lifetime, you will deepen your understanding of the overall narrative of Scripture, its major themes and recurring images, and "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27).

This reading plan accompanies the NLCC Sermon Series on the apprenticeship practice of Scripture (Fall 2020). It leads you through a basic overview of the biblical story of salvation: from creation, to humanity's fall into sin, through the story of Israel, the coming of Jesus the Messiah, and briefly into the birth of the church. We hope it gives you a taste of the joy and reward that comes from hearing God's voice to you in Scripture.

# SCRIPTURE PRACTICES

To help you learn some of the ways of engaging Scripture, we're going to suggest you explore a few practical approaches:

- **Reading**
- **LIFE Journaling**
- **Memorization**
- **Meditation.**

These will be explained week to week in this booklet and online.

As you enter into this adventure in Scripture, keep the following in mind:

- **Environment:** Choose a quiet, comfortable space where you can pay attention. Choose a time when you are alert, and set aside your electronic devices or other distractions.
- **Be Present:** Take 2 minutes to breathe and be silent. Acknowledge God's presence with you. Be aware of your thoughts and concerns, and give them over to God's care.
- **Translation:** Choose a Bible translation that you can easily understand and engage with. NIV, ESV, NLT, or NRSV are all good options.

# SCRIPTURE LEARNING RESOURCES



<https://bibleproject.com/>

The Bible Project is an excellent video resource that explains the theme, structure and purpose of each book of the Bible, along with a variety of key themes and metaphors in Scripture, through easy-to-understand visuals and helpful narration. At various points in the reading plan a corresponding online video, available at the above website, is suggested and linked as a reference for understanding what you are reading. We highly recommend this as a resource for your study of Scripture!

## **[THE DRAMA OF THE BIBLE IN SIX ACTS](#)**

Biblica, Inc. (publisher of the NIV translation of the Bible) has created a concise overview of the story laid out in the Bible, which may help you understand where all the pieces fit as you read.

[downloads.biblica.com/tbotb/docs/tbotb-drama-of-the-bible.pdf](https://downloads.biblica.com/tbotb/docs/tbotb-drama-of-the-bible.pdf)

## **WEEK ONE: A PRAYER**

As we begin this journey of developing a daily habit of engaging with Scripture, this week's simple invitation is to memorize a simple prayer from Psalm 86:11:

**"Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart,  
that I may fear your name."**

(Psalm 86:11, NIV 1984).

Memorizing Scripture is a way of training yourself to make God's thoughts your own. Don't just work on this as a memory assignment; turn it into your prayer to God for the coming series.

## TIPS FOR MEMORIZING

The key is repetition over time. You will retain the things that you repeat over multiple days.

- **Days 1-2:** read/pray the Scripture multiple times.
- **Days 3-5:** commit segments of the Scriptures to memory (line by line, verse by verse), adding on each day.
- **Days 6-7:** practice your memory work with others (such as family or Apprentice Group).
- **Ongoing:** return to your memorized Scriptures for review, such as incorporating into your times of prayer.
- Consider employing all these steps **2-3 times a day**, at **key transition points** in your schedule (as you walk in to work, as you break for coffee or lunch, before bed, etc.).



## **WEEK TWO: READING & PRAYING**

If spending time in Scripture is new for you, just begin by taking 15 minutes – morning, midday, or evening - to read the Scripture and pray the Psalm assigned below.

After you have read, spend 2-3 minutes in silence, reflecting on what you have read. Ponder: *What did you notice as you read?* Close your time by praying a few words of thanks and response to what you have read.

Date	Read Scripture	Pray the Psalms	Watch Bible Project
<b>ORIGINS</b>			
Monday	<b>Genesis 1:1-2, 24-31, 2:1-3</b> First account of creation <a href="#">[Practice Psalm 86:11 from memory]</a>	8	<a href="#">Overview: TaNak/OT</a> <a href="#">Theme: God</a> <a href="#">Theme: Tree of Life</a> <a href="#">Theme: Sabbath</a> <a href="#">Theme: Image of God</a>
Tuesday	<b>Genesis 2:15-25</b> Second account of creation	104:19-35	<a href="#">Torah: Genesis 1-11</a> <a href="#">Theme: Heaven and Earth</a>
Wednesday	<b>Genesis 3</b> The fall of humanity	53	<a href="#">HtRtB: Ancient Jewish Meditation Literature</a>
Thursday	<b>Genesis 9:1-17</b> Humanity's second chance (Noah)	54	
Friday	<b>Genesis 11:1-9</b> Humanity's pride (Babel)	55	
<b>GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE</b>			
Saturday	<b>Genesis 12:1-9</b> God's promise to Abraham	105:1-11	<a href="#">Torah: Genesis 12-50</a> <a href="#">Theme: The Covenants</a>
Sunday	<b>Genesis 22:1-19</b> God tests Abraham's faith	105:12-22	<a href="#">HTRtB: Biblical Story</a>

## **WEEKS THREE & FOUR: LIFE JOURNALING**

LIFE Journaling takes reading to the next level. However, it is quite simple. It is a simple structure by which you can pay attention and respond to what you're reading. There are four simple steps:

1. **L**isten
2. **I**nvestigate
3. **F**ollow
4. **E**ngage

Follow the instructions below each day as you read the Scripture and pray the Psalm assigned below.

Also, remember to review Psalm 86:11 from memory.

NOTE: If you just can't imagine yourself journaling...

- Why not give it a try? You might be surprised!
- Don't let that stop you from reading and reflecting on what you have read! Perhaps it works better for you to just write down the Scripture, and then go for a walk. Or to draw a picture that captures what you have noticed.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT  
YOU ARE IN THE SCRIPTURES, NOT  
THAT YOU HAVE LIFE JOURNALED!  
...but seriously, why not give it a try?**

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## **I. Listen:**

Begin by reading the assigned Scriptures. As you consider what you are reading with an open and humble heart, what verse(s) or phrase(s) do you sense the Holy Spirit drawing your attention to? Write these at the top of a page in your journal, making note of the reference.

## 2. Investigate:

**What is important to know?** In 1-3 sentences, write your observation about what you are hearing in the text. Allow the following questions to help you pay attention to what God wants to say to you:

- **What's the concern?** What problem, question, longing, need, hope, pitfall, theme or opportunity is developed here?
  - Pay attention to **context**, using references such as the Bible Project or your Study Bible to help you: How does this section fit in the chapter? The chapter in the book? The book in the canon of Scripture and the grand narrative of salvation?
- **What's the answer?** What does this reveal about God? What answer, explanation, warning, promise, insight, perspective or command is found here?

### **3. Follow:**

As you reflect on the application of this message, what do you sense God calling you to hear, see, or do? In 1-3 sentences, write your thoughts, with the following in mind:

- **What's the connection?** How do the circumstances of the original audience connect/relate to my own life? How does God's answer help ME see more clearly, understand more fully, speak and act more faithfully in MY reality?

### **4. Engage:**

What do you sense your mind and heart wanting to say to God about what you have read and heard? In 1-3 sentences, write down your simple prayer response to God.

Date	Read Scripture	Pray the Psalm	Watch Bible Project
<b>GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE (CONTINUED)</b>			
Monday	<b>Exodus 1</b> Israel's Suffering in Egypt <a href="#">[Practice Psalm 86:11 from memory]</a>	43	<a href="#">Torah: Exodus 1-18</a>
Tuesday	<b>Exodus 3</b> The call of Moses, Part 1	90:1-10	<a href="#">Character of God: Compassion</a>
Wednesday	<b>Exodus 4</b> The call of Moses, Part 2	90:11-17	
Thursday	<b>Exodus 5</b> Confrontation with Pharaoh	105:23-35	
Friday	<b>Exodus 12:1-13</b> The Passover	Revelation 5:6-14	<a href="#">Character of God: Grace</a>
Saturday	<b>Exodus 12:29-42</b> The Death of the Firstborn	105:36-45	
Sunday	<b>Exodus 14</b> Victory at the Red Sea	114	

<b>Date</b>	<b>Read Scripture</b>	<b>Pray the Psalm</b>	<b>Watch Bible Project</b>
Monday	<b>Exodus 19:1-4, 20:1-21</b> Ten Words to Live By [Practice Psalm 86:11 from memory]	1	<a href="#">Torah: Exodus 19-40</a> <a href="#">Theme: The Law</a>
Tuesday	<b>Exodus 34:1-16</b> God reveals his Name	145	<a href="#">Character of God: Exodus 34:6-7</a>
Wednesday	<b>Exodus 40</b> Meeting Place of Heaven and Earth	15	<a href="#">Theme: Temple</a>
Thursday	<b>Leviticus 16</b> Atoning Sacrifice	50:1-15	<a href="#">Torah: Leviticus</a> <a href="#">Theme: Sacrifice and Atonement</a>
Friday	<b>Leviticus 21</b> Set Apart to Serve God (Priests)	133	
Saturday	<b>Deuteronomy 6</b> Hear, O Israel	78:1-16	<a href="#">Shema Series</a>
Sunday	<b>Deuteronomy 30:1-20</b> Choose Life or Death	78:17-55	<a href="#">Torah: Deuteronomy</a>



## WEEK FIVE: MEMORIZATION

This week you will continue reading and Life Journaling through the one story of Scripture.

You are also invited to add another portion of Scripture – **Joshua 1:7-9** – to your memorization. Please see the tips for memorization on page 5.

For more information on how to memorize larger portions of Scripture check out Andy Davis' Scripture Memory Method: "An Approach to Extended Memorization of Scripture." Download FREE PDF [here](http://www.fbcdurham.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Scripture-Memory-Booklet-for-Publication-Website-Layout.pdf). <http://www.fbcdurham.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Scripture-Memory-Booklet-for-Publication-Website-Layout.pdf>

Remember, you retain what you review. It is not failure to sense that some of your memorized Scriptures are slipping. However, the more you review, the more it will settle into your mind and heart, and the easier it will be to recall again when you return to it.

Date	Read Scripture	Pray the Psalms	Watch Bible Project
<b>BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL</b>			
Monday	<b>Joshua 1</b> Be Strong, Med-itate on the Law <a href="#">[Read Josh 1:7-9 x 10]</a>	19	<a href="#">Historical: Joshua</a>
Tuesday	<b>Joshua 24</b> My House Will Serve the Lord <a href="#">[Practice Joshua 1:7 from memory]</a>	37:1-11	
Wednesday	<b>Judges 2</b> Each What is Right to Him <a href="#">[Practice Joshua 1:8 from memory]</a>	36	<a href="#">Historical: Judges</a>
Thursday	<b>1 Samuel 3</b> The Call of Samuel <a href="#">[Practice Joshua 1:9 from memory]</a>	99	<a href="#">Historical: 1 Samuel</a>
Friday	<b>1 Samuel 8</b> Israel Demands a King <a href="#">[Practice Joshua 1:7-9 from memory]</a>	93	
Saturday	<b>1 Samuel 15</b> Saul is Fired <a href="#">[Share Joshua 1:7-9 with 3 people]</a>	78:56-72	
Sunday	<b>1 Samuel 16</b> David Anointed King <a href="#">[Share Joshua 1:7-9 with 3 people]</a>	23	

## WEEK SIX: MEDITATION

Biblical meditation is, in the words of Richard Foster, "the ability to hear God's voice and obey his word" (*Celebration of Discipline*, 17). It is based in the gospel truth that the risen Jesus is with us always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20), and thus continues to speak to his people in "real-time," though never in contradiction to his revealed and written Word. By creating an imaginative emotional space in which to attend to God's presence, meditation aims to foster "a familiar friendship with Jesus" (Thomas a Kempis, quoted by Foster, 19). Whereas "pagan" meditation seeks to fixate on a mantra in order to detach or empty one's thoughts, biblical meditation fixates on one truth, phrase, image or story found in the Scriptures for the purpose of allowing it to become especially real to our hearts and minds.

Meditation should be practiced within a more comprehensive rhythm of faithful interpretative practices so that you don't imagine God to be saying something that contradicts his Word. However, especially in a rationalistic culture, meditation reminds us that we not only want to "master" the Scriptures (i.e. become rationally competent with their

message), but also to allow the Word to lead us as an expression of God's living voice to us. Thus, meditation engages our emotions and imagination more than the intellect.

Meditation is best done with a small portion of Scripture, e.g. 4-10 verses. The process is similar to Life Journaling, but less academic. Your goal is not to understand everything in the passage, but to invite God to speak one thing that you need to hear. Meditation cannot be rushed.

## **I. Read**

After reading the whole assigned text, choose one portion on which to meditate. Read this text slowly and prayerfully, multiple times. Engage your imagination: What sights, smells, sounds, emotions do you sense? Who are you in this story or picture?

## **2. Ruminare**

When a word, phrase or image strikes you, camp there, reflecting on it. Repeat it, ponder it, speak it, breathe it. What emotions, memories, images, hopes or desires does it evoke in you? What do you sense God communicating to or asking of you?

## **3. Respond**

Prayerfully express yourself to God. What do you want to say to the Lord in response to what this word has said to you?

## **4. Rest**

Sit in God's presence and receive his loving gaze and embrace. Words are not necessary. Be at home, at peace, and content with being quiet with God.

Date	Read Scripture	Pray the Psalms	Watch Bible Project
<b>BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL (CONTINUED)</b>			
Monday	<b>2 Samuel 5</b> David Becomes Israel's King [Practice Psalm 86:11 and Joshua 1:7-9 from memory]	21	<a href="#">Historical: 2 Samuel</a>
Tuesday	<b>I Chronicles 15</b> The City of God	24	<a href="#">Historical: I &amp; 2 Chronicles</a>
Wednesday	<b>I Chronicles 16</b> David's Song of Praise	45	<a href="#">Wisdom &amp; Poetry: Psalms</a>
Thursday	<b>I Chronicles 17</b> God's Promise to David	89:1-24	
Friday	<b>2 Samuel 11</b> David Strays from Obedience	51	
Saturday	<b>2 Samuel 12</b> Consequences for David's Sin	32	
Sunday	<b>I Chronicles 28</b> Preparations for a Temple	103	

## **WEEK SEVEN: READING WITH THE COMMUNITY**

In an individualistic culture like ours, we can forget that the Scriptures were first addressed to groups of people: to the gathered nation of Israel, and then to the gathered early church. They are meant to not just be personal devotional literature, but formative texts for entire communities, much like the preserved or remembered speeches, stories, laws and policies, anthems, and poetry of a nation forms its identity. When we listen to Scripture read out loud to our whole community, we remember

- that Scripture is primarily God's VOICE, not just a book,
- that the gospel forms not just individual apprentices but "a holy nation, a royal priesthood, a people belonging to God" (1 Peter 2:9), the family of Jesus (Luke 8:21), with a common love and mission in the world.

For this reason, it has always been important for Christian communities to share in the reading of Scripture, and to engage in conversation about what we have heard.

This week, we encourage you to take your Scripture habit out of the private realm, and to share it with others in your life. Where possible, include it in your normal rhythms. Keep it somewhat "natural"; don't make it a big production.

For example:

- Set aside 10 minutes before breakfast or after dinner to read with your family.
- Set aside 15 minutes before bed to read with your spouse or roommate.
- Go for a walk with a friend, and take 10 minutes along the way to read with them.
- Meet with your Apprentice Group, and use some of your time together to read the Scripture.

In each case, after you have read, share together at least one observation, insight, or question that emerged from what you read. Consider:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about us?
- What do we learn about God's path for us?



Date	Read Scripture	Pray the Psalm	Watch Bible Project
<b>BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL (CONTINUED)</b>			
Monday	<b>I Chronicles 29</b> David's Song of Praise <a href="#">[Practice Psalm 86:11 and Joshua 1:7-9 from memory]</a>	63	
Tuesday	<b>2 Chronicles 6:1-21</b> Solomon Dedicates the Temple	84	
Wednesday	<b>2 Chronicles 7</b> God Responds to Solomon	92	
Thursday	<b>2 Chronicles 9:13-30</b> Solomon's Kingdom	72	
Friday	<b>Proverbs 2</b> Solomon's Wisdom	49:1-11	<a href="#">Wisdom &amp; Poetry: Proverbs</a>
Saturday	<b>Ecclesiastes 3</b> Solomon's Search	49:12-20	<a href="#">Wisdom &amp; Poetry: Ecclesiastes</a>
<b>ISRAEL'S FALL AND RESTORATION</b>			
Sunday	<b>2 Chronicles 10</b> A Kingdom Divided	135	

## **WEEKS EIGHT–THIRTEEN: LIFE JOURNALING & MEMORIZATION**

As the Scripture sermon series ends, we encourage you to continue practicing what you have learned about reading, Life Journaling (see Weeks 3&4, p 7f), Meditating (see Week 6, p 13f), and Memorizing the Scriptures (see Week 5, p 11f). We also encourage you to read the assigned Scriptures with others (family, spouse, friends, Apprentice Group) at least once a week.

### **MEMORIZING...**

- In Week Eight, you are encouraged to memorize **Psalm 1:1-3**, where David reflects on the life-giving power of God's Word in his life.
- In Week Eleven, we will be memorizing Jesus' call to apprenticeship in **Mark 8:34-35**.
- As indicated in the Reading Plan, be sure to continue reviewing all the verses you've memorized. You may choose other verses that you'd like to memorize as well!

## WEEK EIGHT

LIFE Journal Assigned Scripture, Memorize Psalm 1:1-3

Date	Read Scripture	Pray the Psalms	Watch Bible Project
<b>ISRAEL'S FALL AND RESTORATION (CONTINUED)</b>			
Monday	<b>Amos 5:18-24</b> The Prophets [Read Psalm 1:1-3 out loud x 5]	81	<a href="#">Minor Prophet: Amos</a>
Tuesday	<b>Isaiah 1</b> The Prophets [Read Psalm 1:1-3 out loud x 5]	112	<a href="#">Major Prophet: Isaiah</a>
Wednesday	<b>Isaiah 9</b> The Prophets [Practice Psalm 1:1 from memory]	113	<a href="#">Theme: Justice</a>
Thursday	<b>Isaiah 40</b> The Prophets [Practice Psalm 1:1-2 from memory]	40	
Friday	<b>Isaiah 53</b> The Prophets [Practice Psalm 1:1-3 from memory]	Revelation 7:9-17	
Saturday	<b>Zephaniah 3</b> The Prophets [Share Psalm 1:1-3 with 3 people (from memory)]	38	<a href="#">Minor Prophet: Zephaniah</a>
Sunday	<b>Ezekiel 7</b> The Prophets [Practice Psalm 86:11, Joshua 1:7-9, and Psalm 1:1-3 from memory]	9	<a href="#">Major Prophet: Ezekiel</a>

## WEEK NINE

LIFE Journal Assigned Scripture, Pray Psalm

Date	Read Scripture	Pray the Psalm	Watch Bible Project
<b>ISRAEL'S FALL AND RESTORATION (CONTINUED)</b>			
Monday	<b>2 Chronicles 36</b> The Kingdom Falls	79	<a href="#">Theme: Exile</a>
Tuesday	<b>Jeremiah 9:12-24</b> The Prophets	80	<a href="#">Major Prophet: Jeremiah</a>
Wednesday	<b>Jeremiah 31:31-40</b> The Prophets	83	
Thursday	<b>Daniel 3</b> Faithfulness in Exile	73	<a href="#">Major Prophet: Daniel</a>
Friday	<b>Daniel 7:1-22</b> The Ancient of Days	97	<a href="#">HtRtB: Apocalyptic Literature</a>
Saturday	<b>Ezekiel 37:1-14</b> Dry Bones Come to Life	85	
Sunday	<b>Ezra 1</b> The Exile Is Ended <a href="#">[Practice Psalm 86:11, Joshua 1:7-9, and Psalm 1:1-3 from memory]</a>	126	<a href="#">Historical: Ezra / Nehemiah</a>

## WEEK TEN

LIFE Journal Assigned Scripture, Pray Psalm

Date	Read Scripture	Pray the Psalm	Watch Bible Project
<b>ISRAEL'S FALL AND RESTORATION (CONTINUED)</b>			
Monday	<b>Nehemiah 8</b> Discovering the Law Again	128	
Tuesday	<b>Haggai 1</b> Rebuilding the Temple	132	<a href="#">Minor Prophet: Haggai</a>
Wednesday	<b>Zechariah 12</b> A Coming King	98	<a href="#">Minor Prophet: Zechariah</a>
Thursday	<b>Malachi 4</b> A Coming Messenger	114	<a href="#">Minor Prophet: Malachi</a>
<b>MESSIAH</b>			
Friday	<b>Mark 1:1-20</b> Messiah Comes	10	<a href="#">HTRtB: The Gospel The Messiah</a>
Saturday	<b>Mark 1:21-45</b> Jesus' Compassionate Power	102:1-17	<a href="#">Gospel: Mark Theme: Gospel of the Kingdom</a>
Sunday	<b>Mark 4:1-34</b> Jesus' Stories [Practice Psalm 86:11, Joshua 1:7-9, and Psalm 1:1-3 from memory]	119:1-16	<a href="#">HTRtB: The Parables of Jesus</a>

**WEEK ELEVEN**

LIFE Journal Assigned Scripture, Memorize Mark 8:34-35

Date	Read Scripture	Pray the Psalms	Watch Bible Project
<b>MESSIAH (CONTINUED)</b>			
Monday	<b>Mark 7:1-23</b> Religious Hypocrisy <a href="#">[Rd Mark 8:34-35 x 5]</a>	119:17-32	
Tuesday	<b>Mark 8:27-9:1</b> Discipleship <a href="#">[Rd Mark 8:34-35 x 5]</a>	119:33-48	<a href="#">Word Study: Gospel</a>
Wednesday	<b>Mark 9:1-32</b> Revelation <a href="#">[Practice Mark 8:34 from memory]</a>	29	
Thursday	<b>Mark 10:32-45</b> Jesus the Servant <a href="#">[Practice Mark 8:34-35 from memory]</a>	119:49-64	
Friday	<b>Mark 11:1-19</b> End of the Temple <a href="#">[Share Mark 8:34-35 with 3 people]</a>	118	
Saturday	<b>Mark 14:1-25</b> Passover <a href="#">[Share Mark 8:34-35 with 3 people]</a>	130	
Sunday	<b>Mark 14:26-72</b> Jesus Betrayed <a href="#">[Practice Psalm 86:11, Joshua 1:7-9, Psalm 1:1-3, and Mark 8:34-35 from memory]</a>	69	

## WEEK TWELVE

LIFE Journal Assigned Scripture, Pray Psalm

Date	Read Scripture	Pray the Psalm	Watch Bible Project
<b>MESSIAH (CONTINUED)</b>			
Monday	<b>Mark 15:1-20</b> Jesus Before the Romans	2	
Tuesday	<b>Mark 15:21-47</b> Jesus' Crucifixion and Death	22	
Wednesday	<b>Mark 16:1-8</b> Jesus' Resurrection	16	
<b>A NEW FAMILY IS BORN (AGAIN)</b>			
Thursday	<b>Acts 1:1-11</b> The Promise of the Spirit	18:1-19	<a href="#">NT: Acts</a>
Friday	<b>Acts 2:1-21</b> Keeping His Promise	18:20-50	<a href="#">Theme: Holy Spirit</a>
Saturday	<b>Acts 2:22-47</b> The Birth of the Church	86	<a href="#">Word Study: Witness</a>
Sunday	<b>Acts 10</b> The Gentiles are Welcome [Practice Psalm 86:11, Joshua 1:7-9, Psalm 1:1-3, and Mark 8:34-35 from memory]	96	

## WEEK THIRTEEN

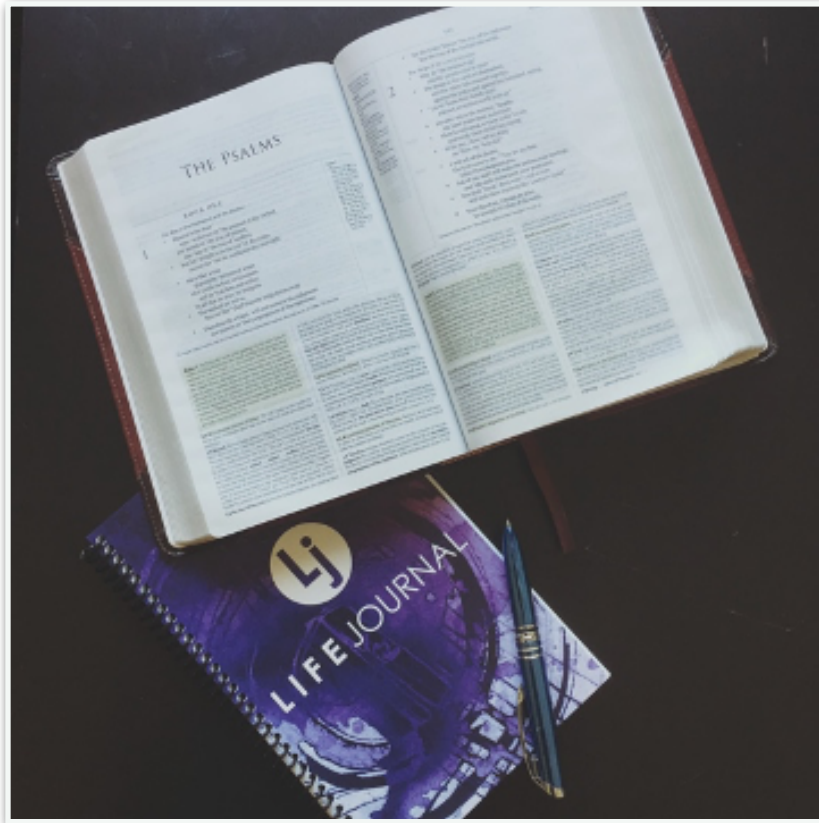
LIFE Journal Assigned Scripture, Pray Psalm

### A NEW FAMILY IS BORN (AGAIN)

Date	Read Scripture	Pray the Psalm	Watch Bible Project
Monday	<b>I Corinthians 15:1-20</b> An Ancient Confession	149	<a href="#">NT: I Corinthians</a>
Tuesday	<b>Ephesians 2:1-22</b> A New Identity	116	<a href="#">NT: Ephesians</a>
Wednesday	<b>Colossians 1:15-29</b> One Lord	150	<a href="#">NT: Colossians</a>
Thursday	<b>Revelation 21</b> One Hope	76	<a href="#">NT: Revelation</a>



## 2021: LIFE JOURNALING



When you have completed this introductory reading plan, we invite you to join our church in journeying through God's Word through the two-year Life Journaling plan. For reference, our new cycle began on January 1, 2021.

You can purchase the Life Journal, with or without writing pages, through the NLCC Office or on a Sunday morning at the Info Desk. You can also access the Life Journal Reading Plan as a PDF on our website:

<https://www.nlcc.ca/pages/life-journaling>



NLCC's 2 Year Life Journal Reading Plan is also available as an option on the iOS [ReadingPlan](#) app, available on the Apple App Store. This will link with most Bible apps on Apple devices.

To set up:

- Download the ReadingPlan app.
- Go to Settings.
- Under "Reading Plan," click on "View Available Plans" and scroll down until you see "NLCC Two Year." Click on "Download," then click "Done." Make sure it is checked off in your list.
- Under "Start Date," select January 1, 2021. (Note, on a leap year, you will need to change this to January 2 after February 29 in order to remain in alignment with the Reading Plan).
- Under "Detail View," select "Separately, One." This will allow you to see all three readings in one list.
- Under "Bible Link," select the app you plan on using, such as the Bible app, Bible Gateway, etc.
- Set other settings according to personal preference.

## LIFE JOURNAL FACEBOOK GROUP



To receive a daily post reminding you of your Life Journal readings, join the LJ Facebook group!

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