

STUDENT READING PLAN
TWO-A-DAYS

The purpose of this study is to teach you how to read your Bible and pray. We hope that as you do this study the Lord gives you a desire to learn from His word. Each day will consist of two chapters of the Bible (one from John and one from Psalms) and a call to pray. Enter each day of the study prayerfully, begging God to change your heart. Our hope is that you will read and pray daily for the rest of your life because of this study. If you have the Student Bible we give out at fuse, the page numbers are included for each chapter. If you miss a day just skip it and move on to the next day. We are praying that each of you will grow so much closer to Christ in this time.

The book of John was written with one purpose in mind: to show the world that Jesus was God and that he came to Earth to save mankind. As we study this book keep in mind that each chapter does not stand alone. John is painting a very big picture, the picture of God's grace to us through His Son, and each story and each parable serves as a brushstroke. If someone only sees one brushstroke of a painting, then he cannot understand the whole picture. In the same way if we only read one chapter from the Book of John, then we cannot see what God is trying to show us. As we read one chapter a day try to keep in mind that each chapter builds on the previous one. My prayer for each of us is that God would show us just a glimpse of His love through the words of John. Do not be afraid to keep reading even if you do not understand every word. Paul tells us in Colossians 2:3 that in Christ "are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Christ will give you knowledge if you are His child. This is not school. There will not be a test on this. Take a moment before you start and pray that God would teach you from this Gospel, and then pray that He would give you the strength to live out what He teaches you.

DAY ONE

John 1 (p 1067)

As you read John 1 keep in mind that this book is all about Jesus. Every single word was written so that we could learn more about His character.

Psalm 1 (p 545)

Pray that the Lord would give you strength to obey this Psalm. Think about it when you go to school. Think about it while you talk to your friends at lunch. Meditate (think) on the law of the Lord day and night and He will give you strong roots to withstand the troubles of this world.

DAY TWO

John 2 (p 1070)

Jesus' first miracle was large scale (he made 120-180 gallons of wine), but he did not make it public. What does this say about His humility? In this chapter Jesus shows us how zealous he is for the purity of God's house. Zeal is defined as great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or objective. 1 Corinthians 6:19 says, "Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself". If our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, then this story tells us that Jesus wants us to have great energy and enthusiasm for keeping our temple pure. Is there any sin in your life that may be making your temple impure? If so then take a moment to pray that Jesus would cleanse it.

Read Psalm 2 (p 545)

DAY THREE

John 3 (p 1070)

Think about this question as you read. It will make sense to you as you read the chapter:

Why can Nicodemus not understand what Jesus is saying? Pray that God would help you understand as you read today. This passage contains one of the most well known verses of all time. Pray that God would help you understand it like you never have before.

Memorize John 3:30, “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

Let that verse define your day. The best way to waste a day is to live it for your self. Pray that you would “utter the words of God” as you speak to your friends and family today.

Read Psalm 3 (p 545)

DAY FOUR

John 4 (p 1071)

Pray that Jesus would teach you in this time. Pray that He would show you things you could never understand on your own.

We learned in John 2 that Jesus knows everything about us. John 2:25 says, "he himself knew what was in man." If Jesus knows everything about man, then why does He ask the woman at the well to go and get her husband? What does Jesus teach us about worship in verse 24? What does He teach us about faith in the story of the official's son?

Many people turned to Jesus because of His words to them. Pray that today Jesus would give you His words. The very same Jesus that said all these words lives in you if you are a Christian. Pray that He would give you words to say and the desire to say them throughout your day today.

Read Psalm 4 (p 546)

DAY FIVE

John 5 (p 1073)

Some major themes to look for: judgment, the fulfillment of the Old Testament in Jesus, and belief vs. religion. Pray that the Lord would soften your heart to understand His words today.

Pray for Jesus to show you His will today. Pray for areas you have a hard time allowing Jesus to control. Maybe that area is your family life. Maybe it is the friend you cannot say no to. Recognize that Jesus IS God, and every word He says and every promise He makes is straight from the mouth of God.

Read Psalm 5 (p 547)

DAY SIX

John 6 (p 1074)

Keep an eye out for these key themes as you read: satisfaction in Christ vs. satisfaction in this world, signs and miracles, and faith. Pray to God for clarity. Realize that this is going to be a very tough chapter to understand, but God is more than able to show you exactly what Jesus meant when He said these things.

Take a moment to think: are you offended by these words? What is Jesus trying to communicate here? Many people turned away from God when they heard this. Pray that God would soften your heart and allow you to understand. These are difficult words. Will you respond as Peter did?

Read Psalm 6 (p 547)

DAY SEVEN

John 7 (p 1075)

Before you read take a moment to pray that God would teach you today through His word.

What does this chapter tell us about Jesus' purpose on Earth? What does it tell us about His willingness to devote His entire life to that purpose? Pray that you would see your purpose in Christ, and that God would give you strength to fulfill that purpose. Pray that you would honor God's will above anything; even if it means people hate you.

Read Psalm 7 (p 548)

DAY EIGHT

John 8 (p 1077)

Some key themes in this chapter are: judgment, love, humility and Jesus as the light of the world. Pray that God would prepare you to receive His word.

What does Jesus say about judging others? Pray that you would have humility in all you do, and that you would put your faith in God and leave behind the cares of this world. Judgmental attitudes are a result of a love for your self over others. Pray for Jesus to soften your heart to love others as He loves you.

Read Psalm 8 (p 548)

DAY NINE

John 9 (p 1078)

Some Key themes to watch for: suffering, faith, and spiritual blindness. Pray for God to guard you from temptation to just look at these words on the page. Pray that He would enable you to really focus and learn today.

Now pray that God would enable you to live out what you have learned. We as Christians must fight every temptation to become simply hearers of the Word of God and not doers. Pray that God would make you a disciple of Jesus. Pray that He would make your life look like Jesus'.

Read Psalm 9 (p 548)

DAY TEN

John 10 (p 1079)

Focus on some of these key themes as you read today: Jesus as a shepherd, sacrifice, unity in the flock (the Church), and hearing God's voice. Pray that you would hear God's voice through these words today.

What does this chapter say about unity? Pray for unity today. Fight for it. You are part of a flock, and your Christian brothers and sisters were bought for the same price you are. That price was the life of our Shepherd. Pray that God would give you a desire for unity that is strong enough to make it through any disagreement or struggle. Take some time to pray for someone else that you know is a Christian. We are not in this alone.

Read Psalm 10 (p 550)

DAY ELEVEN

John 11 (p 1081)

Pray for faith in Christ today. Before you even read pray that He would increase your faith in your time with Him so that all day you can walk in that faith.

What does Jesus' display of emotion in vs. 34 tell us about His humanity? Do you see Jesus as fully man AND fully God? He is not some distant spirit that lived haunted the earth two thousand years ago. He was and is a human being that loved people and talked to them and wept for them. If you have a hard time understanding how He can be fully God and fully man pray that the Holy Spirit of God in you would teach you. Beg Him to help you understand more of Jesus' characteristics so you can show them to others.

Read Psalm 11 (p 550)

DAY TWELVE

John 12 (p 1083)

Take a moment and pray for God to do a work in your heart through reading this text. As you read look for some of these key themes: humility, belief, and greed.

Unbelief is like a cancer. It can spread and grow until it completely consumes your life, as it did the lives of the people Jesus was teaching. Pray that today God would heal you of unbelief. Even if you do not understand a thing you read pray that God would work in your heart to kill your sinful nature

Read Psalm 12 (p 550)

DAY THIRTEEN

John 13 (p 1084)

This chapter is full of teaching about love. As you read look for ways Christ shows His love for others, and as you see Christ's love realize that he has commanded and enabled you to love like He does.

Pray that God would show you the depths of His love for you today. Pray that He would help you serve your friends and family just as He served the disciples by washing their feet.

Read Psalm 13 (p 551)

DAY FOURTEEN

John 14 (p 1085)

Jesus makes a bold claim in this chapter. As you read what Jesus says about himself, know that these words make Him either a liar or God. He leaves no room for empty claims that He was just a good teacher. Notice what Jesus says about what it takes to love Him.

Pray today for the peace Jesus promised us through the Holy Spirit. Realize that if you love Jesus and obey His commandments, then you are a child of God. Pray that you would see the Holy Spirit's power in your life today.

Read Psalm 14 (p 551)

DAY FIFTEEN

John 15 (p 1086)

As you read John 15 look for these key themes: love, joy, and hate. What does Jesus mean when He says He chose us? Take some extra time today to really think about what Jesus says in this chapter. Pray that He would prepare your heart to receive His words.

Do not let this leave your mind today: Jesus chose you as His child. When the world hates you trust that Christ loves you so much. Remember that the reason the world hates you is because the world hated Jesus first. Pray that God would give you strength to have joy in every situation. Pray for help from the Holy Spirit to love everyone even if they hate you.

Read Psalm 15 (p 552)

DAY SIXTEEN

John 16 (p 1087)

In this passage of scripture we see the power and authority that God gives us through the Holy Spirit. Jesus is talking to his disciples about the near future when he will no longer be with them, but he will send them a helper. This helper is the Holy Spirit. It is by this Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ that God the father gives us all authority to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. How awesome is it that God allows us to have this awesome power? What do you think are some ways that God is showing you that you are empowered to share the Gospel?

Read Psalm 16 (p 553)

DAY SEVENTEEN

John 17 (p 1088)

One thing to keep in mind while reading John 17 is this is the last teaching of Jesus recorded in the gospel of John before his betrayal and arrest.

The last thing Jesus taught about was his coming Kingdom. Take a moment to pray for the same urgency that Jesus had. Know that when Jesus prays in the Garden the first thing He thought about was His Church. Pray that God would show you how much He loves you today. He died for you.

Read Psalm 17 (p 553)

DAY EIGHTEEN

John 18 (p 1088)

Pay attention to the actions of Jesus and Peter. Think about the different ways they view the situation.

Pray that today God would give you strength to not deny Jesus. Learn from Peter's mistakes. Realize that these things really happened, and they are recorded here so we can learn from them. Pray that Jesus would make you fearless as you face the world today.

Read Psalm 18 (p 553)

DAY NINETEEN

John 19 (p 1089)

As you read about the crucifixion of Christ take a moment and ask God that you can feel the weight that these sufferings actually happened to Jesus. The fullness of the wrath of God that we deserve for our sins was poured out onto Jesus on the cross. This is the reason that we can be forgiven for our sins!

Have you ever told anyone about this? Jesus was brutally killed to take away the sins of the world. Pray that God would give you an opportunity today to share the good news that the death of Jesus offers us a way to escape our slavery to sin. Pray that everything you do today would be to further this news in the world. We have a story to tell. Let's tell it boldly.

Read Psalm 19 (p 555)

DAY TWENTY

John 20 (p 1090)

This is the story of the Resurrection of Jesus. Do you believe this really happened? Do you believe Jesus really died and really came back to your life? As you read, remember that this is not a fairy tale. This is history. Pray that God would heal any unbelief that may be in your heart.

Verse 29 “Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus tells Thomas the importance of a faith without seeing. Take a moment now to really ask you self if you have faith in the things unseen.

Psalm 20 (p 555)

DAY TWENTY-ONE

John 21 (p 1092)

Peter is one of the main focuses of this chapter. As you read pray that God would help you put yourself in Peter's shoes. Pray for faith to answer the question Jesus asks just as Peter did.

Jesus still loves Peter, even after Peter denied Him three times. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. This is the last day of Two A Days. I want to encourage you to keep reading and praying daily. Pick up in Acts, the next book over, and you can learn how Peter lived a life of love for Christ. You can also learn how Jesus fulfilled His promise and sent the Church His Holy Spirit. My prayer for each of you is that you would continue to grow daily. Pray that God would continue to teach you through His word. Pray that He would give you discipline to keep reading and growing daily.

Read Psalm 21 (p 556)

