## 90 Days Through the New Testament



#### **About the Journey**

The 90 Day New Testament Reading Opportunity is about reading together with others, both individually and in community. But it's not a Bible Study; it's beyond that, beyond reading in fragments, beyond reading in isolation, beyond the desire to read it "someday" but actually doing it.

The New Testament is focused on who Jesus is, what he has done, and his words for his people. It presents the history of the church, how it started, how it grew, and the trials it faced. It informs about the transforming work of the Holy Spirit who empowers his people to live in a such a way that is pleasing to God and to build up the body of Christ...the Church. And last but not least, it paints an apocalyptic picture of how God redeems people through Jesus as the coming King.

What would happen if you read the entire New Testament? Not just a verse here and there, but the *entire* New Testament? What if, instead of reading it alone, you could read it with others and have real conversations about what you are reading? Imagine how your life may be changed. Imagine how the lives of those in your group may be changed.

#### **How It Works**

The New Testament has 27 books containing 260 chapters. If you read an average of three chapters per day, you can easily finish it within 90 days...even if you miss a few days! The average reading takes between 15 and 20 minutes or so to complete. All you have to do is simply follow the included reading plan.

#### **Three Tips for Reading**

- 1. Read every day. Make it a goal to read every single day. Don't be discouraged if you get behind. Just make it a priority to read every day and work to develop that routine. If you get ahead, even better. It gives you some cushion for a day or two that you may miss. But most important, try to read every day.
- 2. **Read what you can.** Again, don't be discouraged if you get behind. Just keep reading if you don't make it all the way through that specific days reading. Simply continue when you can. Some people read in parts throughout the day and it makes for great habits.
- 3. Be Fully Present. When you read, do everything you can to read without distraction. It just so happens that most people aren't as good as they think at multitasking. Try to give your full attention when you are reading. For some, early morning is best before life starts happening. For others, during the lunch time, and yet, for others, before bedtime (if you are one who can do that without falling asleep two paragraphs in). And don't worry about the parts you don't understand. Just jot down any questions you may have and continue.

#### **Sharing the Journey**

As said before, The 90 Day New Testament Reading Opportunity is about reading together with others. So, when you are gathering with your group, or simply huddling with someone else for coffee, make this a part of your conversation and see where the discussion leads.

#### Here are some questions to consider:

- What was new or made you curious?
- Was there anything that bothered you?
- What did you learn about loving God?
- What did you learn about loving others?
- What questions did you have?

#### Three Tips for Conversations in a Group Setting

- 1. **Remember where people are.** Everyone is on a spiritual journey, and everyone is in a different place on that journey. Everyone has different backgrounds, holds different worldviews, and are headed to a variety of futures. That's the beauty of life! But there is one thing everyone has in common. Everyone is on a path to discovery in who God is and how he integrates into their life. So, it's important that we remember where people are on their spiritual journey.
- 2. It's not about the right answers. The discussions are meant to be open and wide ranging. Sometimes there may be lots of questions, and other times, lots of insight. Allow freedom in curiosity and conversation while focusing on the big picture. It's about where people are and where God is taking them. Although tempting, it's not about providing the answer to every question someone might have. It's about helping one another truly discover who God is and what He has for them. What is old to someone else, may be new to another. And be okay with leaving questions unanswered. In an instance when there are many unanswered questions, it is okay to park them somewhere to explore later.
- **3. Be intent in listening and free to speak.** Allow for every person to express his or her questions, feelings and emotions, whether positive or negative. After all, God gave us these expressions. Welcome everyone in the discussion and freely add your own questions and discoveries. What things have you wrestled with? What causes you tension? What truths have you discovered in your own life through scripture? And then listen to others as they do the same.

#### **Added Bonus - Video Feature**

For each new book of the New Testament, you are invited to and encouraged to watch a short video explaining the direction and focus of each book through a resource called The Bible Project (www.bibleproject.com). Through these short-animated videos, the hope is that you can approach the Bible in an engaging and transformative way, making your reading even more impactful and enjoyable. Links to each video follow the reading plan below.

#### **Prayer for You**

As you get started, our prayer for you is that you experience the New Testament like you've never experienced it before. We pray that you are transformed from the inside out as you begin to discover things about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit that change your life forever, and that you are empowered to live the life that you are purposed to live. We were not meant to live in isolation. Real spiritual growth was never meant to be an individual pursuit. It is formed through relationships and community. The best way to get to know God's purpose for our lives is to go directly to the source, his truth, his promises, and his word, found in Scripture – The Bible.

# **Reading Schedule**

90 Days in the New Testament

Day	Chapters	Day	Chapters
1	Matthew 1-3	46	
2	Matthew 4-6	47	. Romans 16
3	Matthew 7-9	48	. 1 Corinthians 1-3
4	Matthew 10-12	49	. 1 Corinthians 4-6
5	Matthew 13-15	50	. 1 Corinthians 7-9
6	Matthew 16-18	51	. 1 Corinthians 10-12
7	Matthew 19-21	52	. 1 Corinthians 13-15
8	Matthew 22-24	53	. 1 Corinthians 16
9	Matthew 25-27	54	. 2 Corinthians 1-3
10	Matthew 28	55	. 2 Corinthians 4-6
11	Mark 1-3	56	. 2 Corinthians 7-9
12	Mark 4-6	57	. 2 Corinthians 10-12
13	Mark 7-9	58	. 2 Corinthians 13
14	Mark 10-12	59	. Galatians 1-3
15	Mark 13-15	60	. Galatians 4-6
16	Mark 16	61	. Ephesians 1-3
17	Luke 1-3	62	. Ephesians 4-6
18	Luke 4-6	63	. Philippians 1-4
19	Luke 7-9	64	. Colossians 1-4
20	Luke 10-12	65	. 1 Thessalonians 1-5
21	Luke 13-15	66	. 2 Thessalonians 1-3
22	Luke 16-18	67	.1 Timothy 1-3
23	Luke 19-21	68	. 1 Timothy 4-6
24	Luke 22-24	69	. 2 Timothy 1-4
25	John 1-3	70	. Titus 1-3
26	John 4-6	71	. Philemon 1
27	John 7-9	72	. Hebrews 1-3
28	John 10-12	73	. Hebrews 4-6
29	John 13-15	74	. Hebrews 7-9
30	John 16-18	75	. Hebrews 10-12
31	John 19-21	76	. Hebrews 13
32	Acts 1-3	77	. James 1-3
33	Acts 4-6	78	. James 4-5
34	Acts 7-9	79	. 1 Peter 1-3
35	Acts 10-12	80	. 1 Peter 4-5
36	Acts 13-15	81	. 2 Peter 1-3
37	Acts 16-18	82	. 1 John 1-3
38	Acts 19-21	83	. 1 John 4-5
39	Acts 22-24	84	. 2 John, 3 John, Jude
40	Acts 25-27	85	. Revelation 1-3
41		85	
42	Romans 1-3	87	. Revelation 8-11
43	Romans 4-6	88	. Revelation 12-15
44	Romans 7-9	89	. Revelation 16-18
45		90	
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### **New Testament Video Introductions**

Optional animated videos to supplement your reading



Matthew	
Mark	<u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/mark/</u>
Luke	https://bibleproject.com/explore/luke/
John	https://bibleproject.com/explore/john/
Acts	https://bibleproject.com/explore/acts/
Romans	https://bibleproject.com/explore/Romans/
1 Corinthians	https://bibleproject.com/explore/1-corinthians/
2 Corinthians	https://bibleproject.com/explore/2-corinthians/
Galatians	
Ephesians	https://bibleproject.com/explore/ephesians/
Philippians	
Colossians	https://bibleproject.com/explore/colossians/
1 Thessalonians	https://bibleproject.com/explore/1-thessalonians/
2 Thessalonians	https://bibleproject.com/explore/2-thessalonians/
1 Timothy	https://bibleproject.com/explore/1-timothy/
2 Timothy	https://bibleproject.com/explore/2-timothy/
Titus	https://bibleproject.com/explore/titus/
Philemon	https://bibleproject.com/explore/philmon/
Hebrews	https://bibleproject.com/explore/hebrews/
James	https://bibleproject.com/explore/james/
1 Peter	https://bibleproject.com/explore/1-peter/
2 Peter	https://bibleproject.com/explore/2-peter/
1 John	https://bibleproject.com/explore/1-john/
2 John	https://bibleproject.com/explore/2-john/
3 John	https://bibleproject.com/explore/3-john/
Jude	https://bibleproject.com/explore/jude/
Revelation	https://bibleproject.com/explore/revelation

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