



LIVE the WORD

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We live for many things: success, happiness, fulfillment. Even as believers, we sometimes try to find our peace and meaning in these things. But Jesus is inviting us to live in His abundant life through the power of His Word! Living in this power means living every part of our lives for Jesus. “If you love me, then keep my commandments.” Live the Word is a command; we as believers are called to obey every part of the Bible, but it’s also the most wonderful invitation we can receive: to enjoy a life fully surrendered to the global mission of Jesus through the inward working of the Holy Spirit. Will you come and Live the Word with us?

- Matt Dunavant



**“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with
thankfulness in your hearts to God.”**

Colossians 3:16

Water

Where there is no water there is no life. There is a river present at the beginning and at the end of the biblical story. Water sprang up out of the garden of Eden, the world was destroyed by water, and countless people throughout history have been saved because they found water just in time. Wars have been fought over and civilizations have been built around wells of water. We see throughout the story of the Bible, in everything water pictures, produces, and provides, Jesus is revealed. Jesus alone provides living water.

Day 1: Genesis 1-2

Focus Verse: Genesis 2:6&10

Day 2: Exodus 14, 17:1-7

Focus Verse: Exodus 14:21-29

Day 3: Psalm 1; 23

Focus Verse: Psalm 1:3

Day 4: Ezekiel 47:1-12

Focus Verse: Ezekiel 47:7-10

Day 5: Matthew 3:13-17

Focus Verse: Matthew 3:16

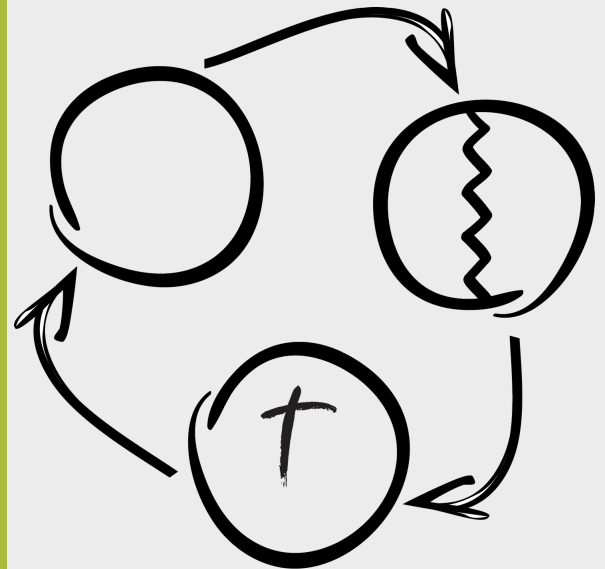
Day 6: John 7:37-39; 19:31-37

Focus Verse: John 19:34

Day 7: Revelation 22:1-17

Focus Verses: Rev. 22:1-2

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Water

Reading Reflections

Day 1. What does the Genesis 2 passage about the river of Eden watering the garden and then dividing into four rivers going out into the world tell you about God's mission?

Day 2. What does the Exodus 14 account of God's rescue of His people from and the judgment of His enemies in the Red Sea tell you about God's salvation?

Day 3. How does the Psalm 1 "Blessed man" being someone who loves the Word of God with the result that he is likened to a tree planted by "streams of water" affect your relationship to God's Word?

Day 4. What relationship does this river have to the river in Genesis 2? What do you think is the relationship between this river and the kingdom of God?

Day 5. What does Jesus's baptism in water tell you about His kingdom?

Day 6. When the spear is thrust into the side of Jesus, blood and water flowed (John 19:34). What does this tell you about the cleansing, life-giving water we have been discussing so far?

Day 7. What is the relationship between the river in Genesis 2, Ezekiel 47, Matt. 3, John 7, and Revelation 22 (River at creation, in a vision, at the baptism, out of our hearts, and in the new heavens and new earth)?

Notes:

City

Cities are places where people gather to live and work. When God tells Adam and Eve to multiply and fill the earth God was unveiling His intent as it relates to "city." God created the world to become one glorious city, the city of God. However, as soon as the world had rebelled against God, cities of wickedness began to pop up. In a broken world cities maintain some of their intended glory for example everyone enjoys a beautiful skyline. Upon closer inspection, cities in a broken world always become centers of concentrated sin. Thankfully God has not given up on His city plan. Today churches "pop up" all over the world as little "cities of God." One day Jesus will bring all of these little cities together and make one glorious worldwide city where He will be King and all of His people will live and work.

Day 1: Gen. 1-2 (Perfect City)

Day 2: Gen. 4, 11, 13 (Sinful Cities)

Day 3: Daniel 1-3 (City of Evil Rule)

Day 4: Jonah 1-4 (City of Mercy)

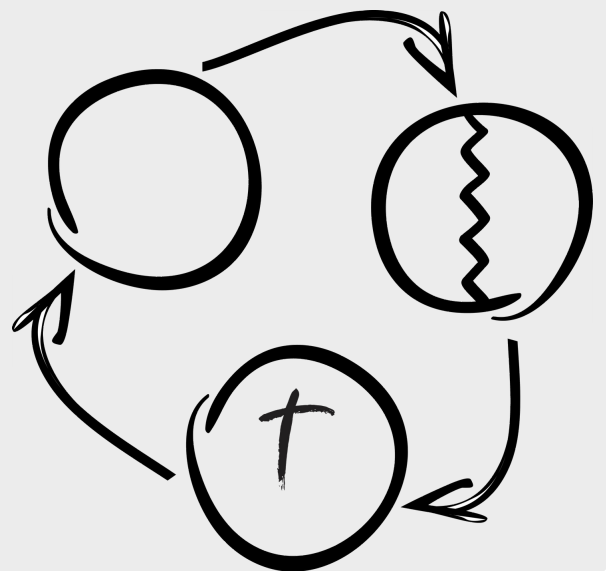
Focus Verse: Jonah 4:11

**Day 5: Luke 9:51, Matt. 23,
Heb. 13:11-13, Matt. 28:11, Acts 2:1
(Jerusalem - Lost City Saved)**

**Day 6: Acts 1:8; 13:14 & 44; 14:1-4;
16:1 & 11-12; 17:1-2 & 10; 18:10, 16;
18:1; 19:1 (Targeted Cities)**

Day 7: Rev. 21:1-6 (Eternal City)

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City

Reading Reflections

Day 1: What makes a “perfect city?”

Day 2: What do current and biblical cities look like in its brokenness?

Day 3: What does city leadership look like?

Day 4: What does city of repentance look like?

Day 5: Think of examples of times when there was city unity. What did that look like?

Day 6: Describe glimpses of God’s beauty and glory in broken cities? How do these things preach the gospel to us?

Day 7: How would Eden look unbroken?

Notes:

Blessing

At the heart of God's blessing is abundant life. Sadly, some reject God's blessing through Jesus and thus experience His curse of separation and death. Blessing is about the pronouncement of life and prosperity by the one who has the authority to do so. "Blessing" in the bible always assumes the ability of the one speaking to pass on life. God's blessing is about flourishing and multiplication of life. At the beginning God created life and then blessed it so that those created would "be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth." Blessing moves through the line of the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God gives His people a land of blessing. All of the Old Testament blessings point to the ultimate blessing of Jesus. As we read these passages we will discover the steadfast love of God in His blessing through Jesus.

Day 1: Genesis 1:14-31 (Gen. 1:28)

Day 2: Gen. 12:1-9; 27:1-41

Day 3: Numbers 6:22-27

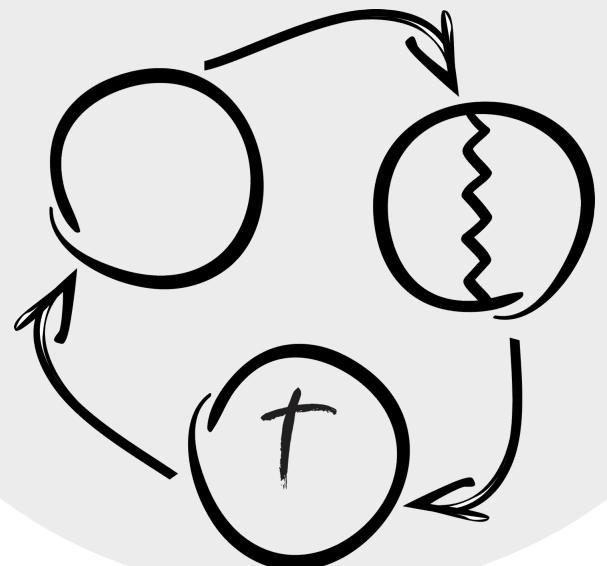
Day 4: Ex. 20:24, Deut. 30:11-20

Day 5: Matt. 5:3-11, James 3:10

Day 6: Eph. 1:3-6, Psalm 1

Day 7: Rev. 5:8-13, 7:9-17, 22:14

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Blessing

Reading Reflections

1. In your own words explain blessing as it is described in Genesis 1:22 & 28?
2. Where does blessing come from? Who is the ultimate source of all blessing?
3. What is the relationship between God's blessing of Abraham and the great commission?
4. How does it make you feel that God has given you the power to speak words of life or words of death? To be the mouthpiece of God or the enemy?
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you anything that you have said from the last week of which you need to repent.

Notes:

Giving

Giving is a recurrent theme throughout the Bible. Throughout the scripture God gives to His people. God's people give in response to God's character and saving work. Giving reflects the character of God. Giving declares God's worth. Giving is worship.

This week we will see giving in the Old Testament in response to God's revealed presence. We will consider the fact that God gave His son to purchase our redemption along with its implications.

We will look at 4 ways the New Testament church gave:

- to meet the needs of believers inside the local church
- to meet the needs of believers in other churches
- to provide for their leaders
- to advance the gospel around the world

Day 1: Garden and marriage to mankind

Genesis 2:1-25

Day 2: Land to Abraham

Genesis 13:14-18

Day 3: Tithe to Melchizedek

Genesis 14:17-24

Day 4: Tithes and Offerings in Malachi

Malachi 3:6-15

Day 5: The only unique son of God

John 3:16-17

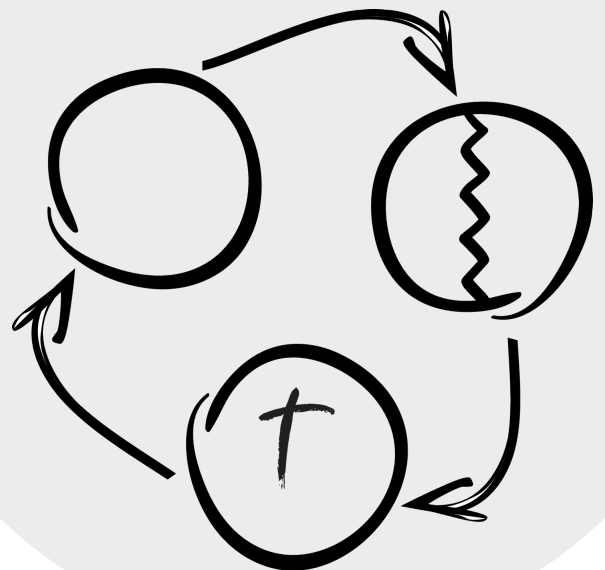
Day 6: Kingdom Giving Principles

Matt. 6:1-4; 6:19-25; 10:8, Luke 21:1-4, Mark 12:41-44

Day 7: The Church Gives

2 Cor. 8:1-9, 1 Tim. 5:17, Acts 4:32-37, Phil 1:3-6

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Giving

Reading Reflections

1. On a piece of paper list out 10 times that God has given to you.
2. If Christians believed that God would provide for all of their needs would it make it easier for them to give? Why do you think it is hard for people to give?
3. Have you ever seen God so glorious or felt His love so deeply that you were compelled to worship through giving?
4. The New Testament church gives in 4 different ways. Which areas do you give in? Why do you think that the other areas are less attractive to you?

Notes:

Temple

Biblically speaking, a temple is a place where God's realm intersects with ours and where God comes down to dwell with His people. The temple theme permeates the bible because God desires our worship. God always intended to walk in our midst and for us to bow to Him. This is what temple is about. Throughout the scripture human priests are responsible to serve God in the temple by guarding its holiness and expanding its influence.

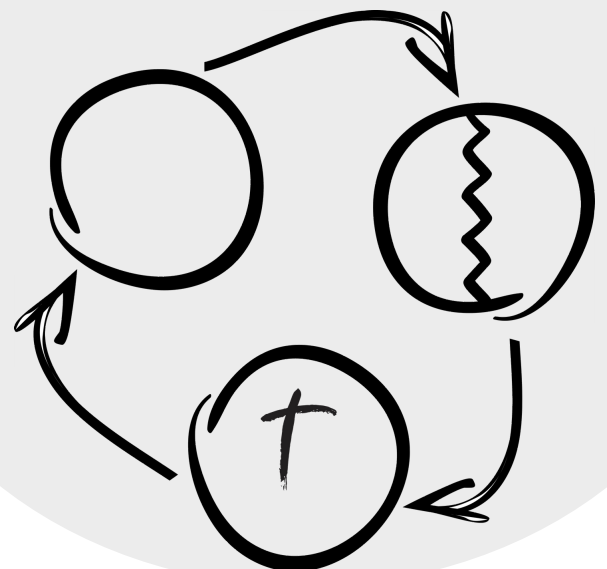
The garden of Eden was the first temple. The garden was where mankind lived and where God walked and talked with them- the garden was temple. God intended His garden temple to fill the entire earth so that heaven and earth would serve as God's abode.

But sin...

The tabernacle of Moses and the temples of Israel serve as types to foreshadow the eternal cosmic temple of Revelation 21. Each detail of the temple's construction, location, and system served to paint a picture of that glorious future temple. This ultimate temple destination required a supernatural redemption, procured by Jesus, our Great High Priest. Therefore, Jesus' people today, are living stones being made into God's temple throughout the earth.

Notes:

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Temple

Day 1: Creation as Temple

Genesis 1-2:3

Day 2: Temple as Type (Mt. Sinai)

Exodus 19:1-19

Day 3: Temple as Type (Tabernacle)

Exodus 40

Day 4: Temple as Type (Temples)

1 Kgs. 8:1-11, Ez. 3:12-13, Hag. 2:1-9

Day 5: Jesus as Temple

Matthew 27:51, John 1:14; 2:19-21

Day 6: The Church as Temple

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Eph. 2:19-22, 1 Peter 2:5

Day 7: New Creation as Temple

Revelation 21:1-7; 21:22; 22:1-5

Reading Reflections

1. What do you think about the concept that the Garden of Eden was the first Temple? If Eden was the first Temple, what does it say to us that God commanded Adam and Eve to work the garden and expand the human family to fill the Earth?
2. In what ways do Sinai, the Tabernacle, and the Temples serve to foreshadow the New Creation?
3. Why was holiness required to worship at Solomon's Temple?
4. Why was it significant that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us?
5. How is it possible that people like us have been made temples of the Holy Spirit?
6. Paul and Peter describe the church as Temple. As such, what responsibility does the church hold to God and to the world?
7. Take a moment and imagine what it will be like in the New Jerusalem where the Lord is our temple and we dwell with Him forever.

Glory

Glory is hard to describe and the concept can be hard to grasp, but you know it when you see it. We were made not only to recognize glory but to live in the midst of it. God intends for us to take on shades and shapes of God's glory so that the world and God Himself recognize His image in us. Seeing God's glory transforms lives and illicit deep worship. Learning to recognize God's glory throughout scripture allows us to see and understand God in richer color and greater detail. This week we will see God's glory in creation, through judgment, in God's revealed presence, in salvation, through His church, and finally in God's new creation. Dare to fix your gaze up the glory of God!!!

Day 1: Psalm 24

Day 2: Exodus 14:4, 17-18

**Day 3: Ex. 40:34-38, Ezekiel 43:1-5,
2 Chronicles 7:1-3**

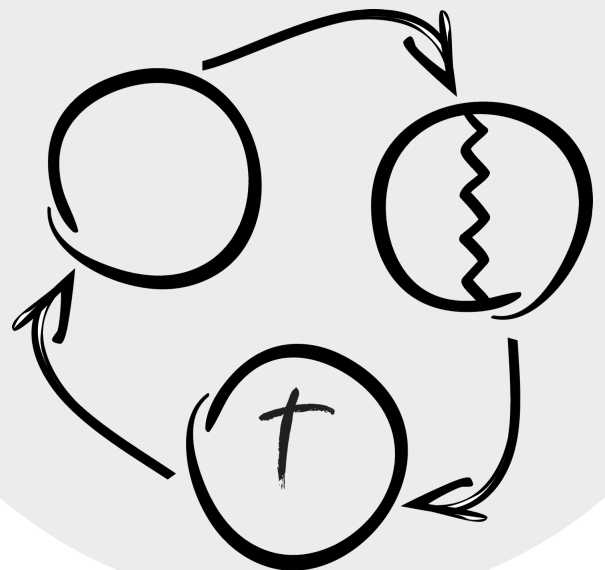
Day 4: Isaiah 6, Habakkuk 2:14

Day 5: John 1:1-14, Matthew 17:1-9

Day 6: 2 Cor. 3:18; 4:7-18, Eph. 1:3-6

Day 7: Revelation 1; 21:23

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Glory

Reading Reflections

Day 1: When you see the word glory in the bible, what do you think of? How often do you notice glory in the world around you?

Day 2: We don't often connect God's judgment to God's Glory. What do you think about today's passage and how God is glorified in defeating his enemies?

Day 3: Why was Moses unable to enter the tent of meeting? What do you think it looked like when the glory entered the temple?

Day 4: In both of today's passages God reveals that His glory is going to rise up in a world of doom and gloom. How should that truth impact the way that God's people today live in a world that is filled with bad news?

Day 5: How is Jesus's glory described in this passage? Why did they miss His glory? How can we avoid doing the same?

Day 6: How does God want you to encounter His glory this week?

Day 7: Ask God to allow you to grasp His glory more fully and to gaze at His glory more intensely this week.

Notes:

Holy

The world is calling us to join the crowd, get in on the fun, and be like everyone else. The world hates God.

Holy - “Set apart to a special purpose.” God is set apart to Himself and His own purposes. Throughout the bible certain people, places, and objects are set apart to God and to His service.

God demands that His people be holy but we still sin. What are we to do?

This week the reading plan shows us that God is holy. The Bible calls God “the Holy One” over 50 times and calls the Spirit of God “the Holy Spirit” over 90 times. Out of God’s holiness He creates a holy nation for Himself. However, Israel fails to be holy. God cannot be without a holy people, so he sends Jesus who is the perfection of holiness. Jesus is therefore able to make His followers holy. The biblical story concludes with God and His people holy forever.

Day 1: God Is Holy

Is. 6:1-7, Rev. 4:6-8 , 1 Samuel 2:2

Day 2: God creates a holy nation

Exodus 22:31; 30:25-29, Deut. 7:6

Day 3: Israel fails to be holy

2 Kings 17:7-23

Day 4: Jesus is holy & doesn't fail

Luke 1:35; 4:34

Day 5: Jesus makes His followers holy

Rom. 5:1-2, 1 Pt. 2:5, 9, Heb. 2:11

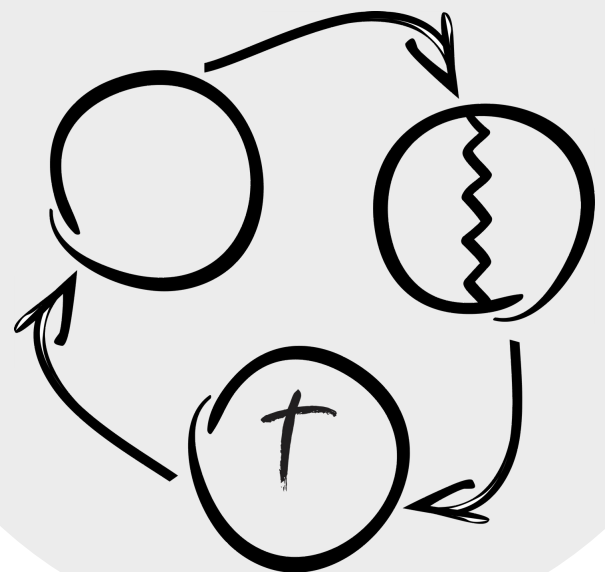
Day 6: Holiness is actualized by walking in faith

Rom. 6:1-14, Eph. 4:17-32, 2 Pt. 3:11-13

Day 7: Holy Forever

Rev 21:1-8

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Holy

Reading Reflections

1. When you hear the word “holy” do you think first of purity, righteousness, exclusivity, loyalty, or other ideas?
2. God is holy, which means God is other. There is no one or thing like Him. How does today’s passage help you gain a better grasp on the holiness of God?
3. How does the knowledge that God is holy impact your daily life?
4. What is more important in the pursuit of personal holiness, a deepening awe of God or personal spiritual disciplines? How might these two ideas work together?
5. Ask the Holy Spirit what areas of your life need to be set apart to God this week?

Notes:

Mountain

Mountains play an important role in the Bible. Mountains are a place of God's presence and the revelation of His glory. God revealed Himself on mountains, God spoke on mountains, the garden of Eden was on a mountain, Jerusalem was on a mountain, Israel sought other gods on mountains, Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal was on a mountain, Jesus found retreat and prayer on mountains, and then He died on a mountain. One day Jesus will return, and Revelation 21 tells us we will know God for eternity on the mountain of God.

Day 1: Genesis 2 & Ezekiel 28:13-14

Day 2: Genesis 22:1-19

Day 3: Exodus 19-20:21

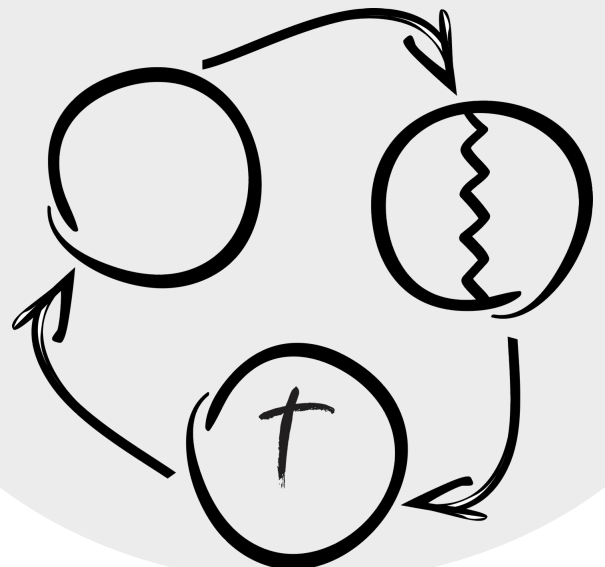
Day 4: 1 Kings 18:17-40 & Ps. 48

**Day 5: Matt. 4:8-11; 5:1; 4:22-23,
Luke 6:12-16**

Day 6: Matt. 17:1-13, Luke 22:39-46

Day 7: Revelation 21:9-14; 22:1-5

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Mountain

Reading Reflections

Day 1: What do you think about the Garden of Eden and the mountain of God inhabiting the same space?

Day 2 – What was the significance of taking Isaac up on a mountain for the sacrifice? Why was it important that God specify the mountain for the sacrifice?

Day 3- Moses saw God's glory, heard God's voice, and received God's written Word on Mount Sinai. How does this passage inform your walk with and knowledge of Jesus?

Day 4 – Spiritual warfare is a reality for the believer. In the account of Elijah, the wicked king, wayward people, and prophets of Baal, the confrontation takes place on Mount Carmel, Baal's Mountain. Elijah was the mouthpiece of God. How can God's people today go into the hardest, most demonic places, confront spiritual forces of darkness and see the kingdom spread?

Day 5 - What aspects of Jesus ministry take place on a mountain? What does the mountain signify to Jesus? How does that inform our lives?

Day 6 – When Jesus is transfigured, He is on a mountain with 3 of his disciples. Moses and Elijah show up and as a result Peter wants to make tents and stay on top of the mountain. The imagery tells us that Peter intuitively understands this to be a special place. Heroes of the faith have arrived on this mountain. He wants to stay so that the trio doesn't break up. Then God speaks and tells them that Jesus is the beloved Son, the one with whom He is pleased and to listen to Him. Now alone with Jesus they descend the mountain.

Was God's intent that the disciples leave a place of special intimacy with Him when they descend the mountain? How can the disciples be close to God if they come down from the mountain?

Day 7 – In Revelation 21 John is carried to a high mountain from which he watched the mountain city Jerusalem coming down from heaven to earth. When you imagine this scene how do you feel? In Revelation 21:22 Jesus is the temple in the new city and in 22:5 the Lord is the replacement to the sun, moon, and stars. If mountains were places of worship, revelation, safety, glory, and relationship with God throughout the scripture, what or who will be our mountain in eternity?

Tree

Trees are referenced throughout scripture, from the first book to the last. Besides “God” and “man”, trees are the most referenced living thing in all of the Bible. Trees are also the longest living organism on earth. Trees multiply. Trees bear fruit.

Trees are way more important than we realize. Trees are in the first chapter and the last chapter of the bible and all in the middle. Trees are beautiful metaphors of the follower of Jesus and thus play a vital part in the revealing of God’s message from the beginning to the end of scripture. Yet, we tend to ignore them due to our familiarity with them. In God’s Word trees provide nourishment and shade as well as a place of cursing and death. At the end of this week, we should see God’s Word and God’s world differently because every tree is reminding us about Jesus, Savior and judge.

What Jesus has accomplished, and the fruitfulness of the believer’s life is communicated all over the world and throughout the bible with a tree.

Day 1: Gen. 2:5-9; 2:15-17; 3:1-7; 22-24

Day 2: Exodus 3

Day 3: Psalm 1

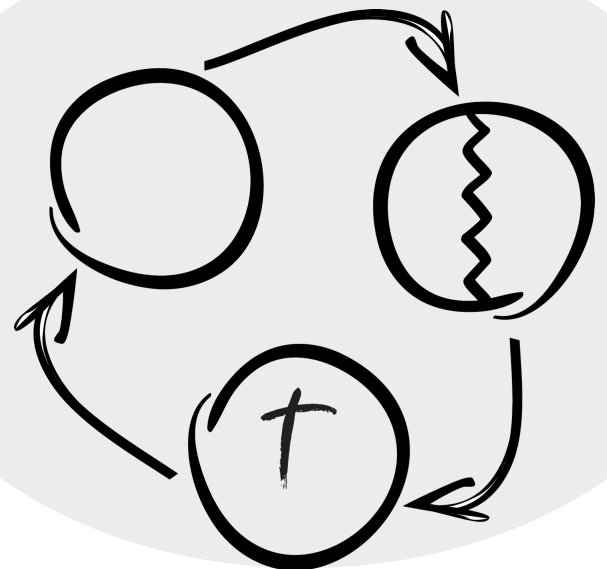
Day 4: John 15

Day 5: Ezekiel 17, Matthew 13:31-32

Day 6: Gal. 3:10-13, Acts 5:30; 10:39

Day 7: Revelation 2:7; 22:14-19

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Tree

Reading Reflections

1. What does God's creation and placement of trees provide in the garden of Eden?
2. Why is a tree a suitable metaphor for a follower of Jesus?
3. What does Jesus want us to best understand from John 15? Reflect upon 3 specific times in the past week you experienced "abiding" in Jesus? Is there a time that you did not? Do you need to take time to confess that and repent of it before the Lord?
4. Why is "tree" an appropriate symbol for God's kingdoms of the world and the Kingdom of God in these passages?
5. Is there significance to Jesus dying on a tree?

Notes:

Identity

Man was created in the image of God and therefore without any negative identity issues. The world rebelled and sin shattered man's identity. As in the account of the Tower of Babel where men were trying to construct a city and tower to their own name, the world today is trying to construct human identity in its own image with freedom from God as the foundation. While our culture lifts high a banner of self-identity, the Bible teaches us that identity is restored only in Christ. Jesus said, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." Jesus is our identity. Individual significance is found in Him alone.

This section will help us follow the thread of identity as God designed it through the bible. We will see that God's revelation of Himself to man restores broken identity. We will see how God mercifully and miraculously reshapes our broken identity to be as He created us to be. Ultimately, we will see that Jesus not only restores our identity, but that Jesus is our identity.

Day 1: Gen. 1:26-31; 2:5-9; 15-25

Day 2: Gen. 3, Revelation 21:5-6

Day 3: Gen. 35:9-15

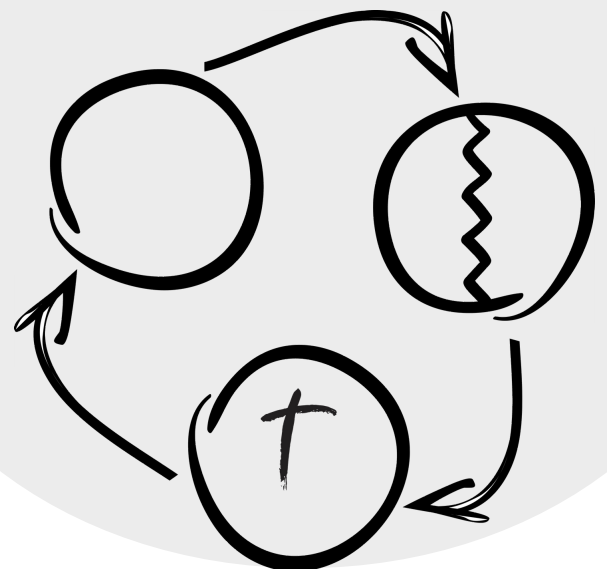
Day 4: Phil. 2:1-8, John 1:1-4

Day 5: John 3:1-15

Day 6: Acts 22:1-21

Day 7: John 15:1-5, Gal. 2:20

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Identity

Reading Reflections

1. In what ways did God make man to image Him?
2. How has sin impacted that image?
3. How does God restore His image in man?
4. How are believers different when they are imaging God?
5. What must happen in order for us to image God the way God intended in the beginning? What will that be like?

Notes:

Word

The theme of the Word runs from the beginning to the end of scripture both the Living Word Jesus and the written Word. The Bible . God communicates. He does not leave us in the dark. He speaks to us through His revealed Word so that we can know Him, love Him, and worship Him. God's Word is truth. He speaks to us ultimately through Jesus. We abide in Christ as His words abide in us, John 17:15.

God speaks in the Old Testament through Moses and the prophets. Kings and priest are to be guided by the Word. In the New Testament God speaks through the apostles. The church is to be guided by the Word.

As you read these passages you will see the importance of the Word in your daily life.

Day 1: Genesis 1, John 1:1-5, Hebrews 1:1-3

Day 2: Psalm 1:19

Day 3: Psalm 119

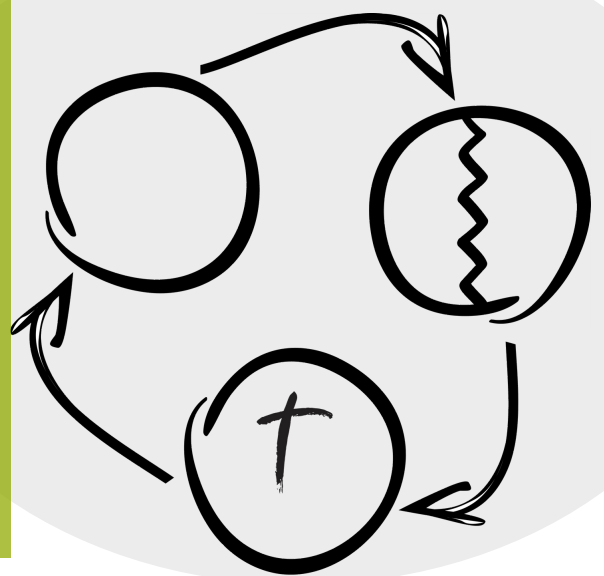
Day 4: Pro. 3:5-6, Is. 40 (Key Verse: 8)

Day 5: 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Heb. 4:12, 2 Pt. 1:16-21

Day 6: Matt. 5-7 (Key Verse: 7:24)

Day 7: Revelation 19:13; 21-22

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Word

Reading Reflections

1. When Jesus is described as the Word, what does that tell us about Jesus?
2. List all of the different persons in the scripture you can remember who spoke as God's messenger/mouthpiece, who wrote scripture, spoke on God's behalf, or read the Word of God before the congregation.
3. How does God speak to you? What is the mode of communication that you are most accustomed to hearing God speak through?
4. Why is it necessary that Jesus be the Word for us to know God?
5. How can you listen to God's Word more intently this week?

Notes:

Bread

"Bread" is a regular theme and necessity throughout the Bible. Bread continues as a common and simple food of all societies and cultures today still representing provision, sustenance, hospitality, multiplication, and community.

Bread is first mentioned in the Bible after the disobedience of man when God says "by the sweat of your face you shall eat bread...". In authoritative declaration, Jesus stated "I am the bread of life". Jesus explained that He is the living bread that has come down from heaven, and that anyone who partakes of Him will have eternal life. Jesus' work on the cross is the ultimate "sweat of brow" providing eternal provision in salvation.

Day 1: Genesis 3:17-19

Day 2: Genesis 14:17-24

Day 3: Exodus 13:3-16

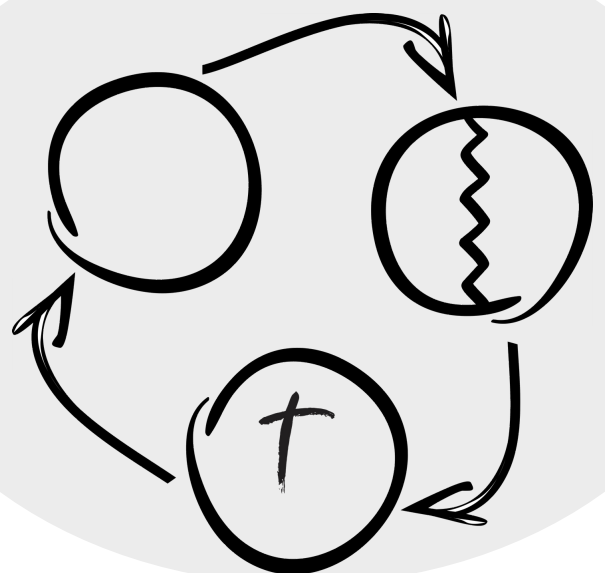
Day 4: Exodus 16:1-19, Matthew 6:11

Day 5: John 6:22-58

Day 6: Matthew 26:17-29

Day 7: Acts 2:42-47

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Bread

Reading Reflections

Day 1: Where did God instruct the first humans to find their food? How did the source of food change after the Fall? Is there significance of that change and what is it?

Day 2: What role did bread play to foreshadow Jesus in the Melchizedek?

Day 3: In what ways does the bread of Exodus 13 serve as an object lesson of God's salvation to the Hebrews?

Day 4: Why were the Israelites prohibited from gathering more than a day's worth of manna?

Day 5: What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "I am the bread of life?"

Day 6: Jesus points out the past, present and future aspect of the Gospel when Jesus takes the Lord's Supper in Matthew 26. Spend some time now considering what it will be like when we take the supper with Jesus in the future kingdom.

Day 7: Breaking bread is mentioned twice in Acts 2:42-47. What does this tell us about the gospel and the church?

Notes:

Shepherd

Shepherding is not a common vocation in our culture, but it was in the world of the Bible. Throughout both testaments God uses the pictures of a shepherd to reveal Himself and His love, care, provision, protection, and leading His people. In the New Testament Jesus is the Good Shepherd who gives abundant life to those who hear His voice and follow Him. Not to have a shepherd is to be lost. God gives shepherd teachers to the church. All of this is because God is the ultimate shepherd. Get ready this week to experience the protection, care, and provision of the good shepherd.

Day 1: Exodus 3

Day 2: Psalm 23

Day 3: Micah 5:2-5, Jer. 3:6-18
(focus verse: Jer. 3:15)

Day 4: John 10:10-18; 27-30

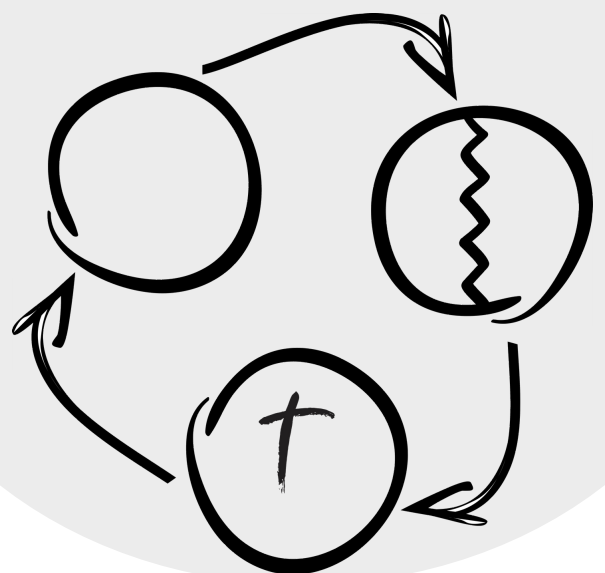
Day 5: Matthew 9:35-38

Day 6: Ephesians 4:11, I Peter 5:1-4

Day 7: Revelation 7:6-17

Focus verse 17

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Shepherd

Reading Reflections

1. Why was shepherding good preparation for Moses to lead the Hebrews out of Egypt in Exodus 3?
2. List the benefits of the Lord as your shepherd in Psalm 23.
3. In Jeremiah 3, God promises to bless His people if they walk in righteousness with good shepherds. What would these shepherds have offered the people that they desperately needed?
4. What did Jesus mean in John 10 when he described Himself as the Good Shepherd?
5. How does it feel to be one of Jesus' sheep?
6. What do you need to do this week to better follow Jesus as your Good Shepherd?

Notes:

Worship

From Genesis to Revelation worship is a dominant theme, because the one true God of scripture is worthy of all praise, honor, service, and glory! The English word worship comes from the words “worth” and “ship” (the suffix “ship” means a state of being). The meaning of worship therefore means that something deserves praise and honor because of its state of being. Simply put, worship is the believer’s response to our almighty and gracious God. In Leviticus, chapters one through seven, we read of the sacrificial system the Lord gave Moses for the Israelites. God’s people worshiped through sacrifice. As we put our faith in Jesus Christ who became the sacrifice for our sins, we worship with a sacrificial life that reflects our awe and gratitude. That is what Paul is speaking of in Romans 12:1 when he writes “by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service (worship)”. In your daily reading this week, reflect on the many ways we can respond to our Creator and Redeemer in worship. In Matthew 15:8 Jesus quotes an Old Testament passage which says, “this people honors me with their lips but their heart is far from me.” This week we want to study and practice worship that flows out of our heart.

Day 1: Gen. 22:12-14, 2 Sam. 12:13-23

Day 2: Ex. 15:1-18, 2 Chron. 7:1-3; 11-17

Day 3: Job 1:13-22

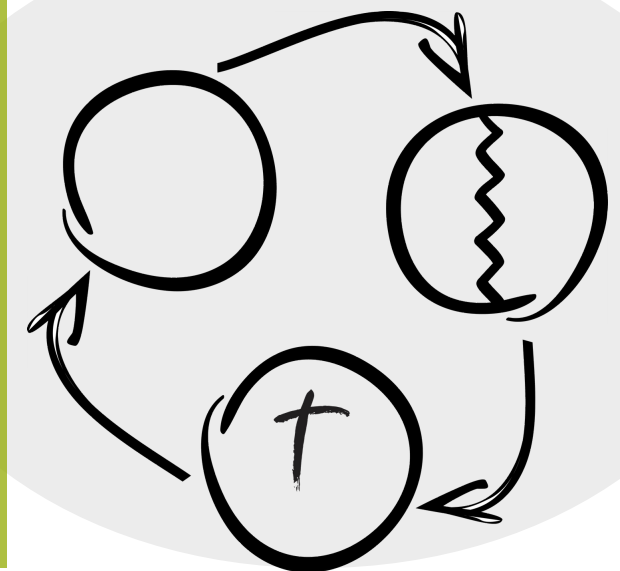
Day 4: Psalm 19; 46:10; 100; 150, Is. 6:1-8

Day 5: Luke 7:36-50, John 4:23

**Day 6: Romans 12:1-2, 1 Cor. 10:31-33,
Eph. 5:18-21, Col. 3:12-17**

Day 7: Rev. 4:1-11; 5:1-14; 7:12

Share the Word



Worship

Reading Reflections

1. What does worship look like for you? How did God use these passages to shape your understanding of worship?
2. What does it mean to worship in spirit and truth?
3. After reading Job 1 how should our circumstances effect our worship?
4. What does it look like to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice?
5. What does worship look like in heaven? How might our experiences look more like that?

Notes:

Covenant

No Covenant - no salvation. A covenant is an agreement made between two parties that was binding to the point of death. The Hebrew word for covenant meant "to cut" because the covenant was enacted by the killing of an animal by cutting it into two parts. Old Testament covenants were unique in that God alone made the covenant with man. Man's responsibility was merely to believe God and live in light of God's covenant. The covenants that God made with humanity point us to Jesus. While each of the covenants were given in a specific, historical context, (the Adamic, the Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, and Davidic Covenants) we see that Jesus brings about their ultimate fulfillment. He is the "last Adam" (1 Corinthians 15:45), the prophesied descendant of Abraham (Matthew 1:17), the fulfillment of the Law of Moses (Matthew 5:17-18) who will be a blessing to the nations (Genesis 12:2-3), and the Son of David who will reign as King of Kings (Revelation 19:16). We are going to be in awe this week as we discover how Jesus fulfills all the covenants.

**Day 1: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:14-19
(Adamic)**

Day 2: Genesis 9:1-17 (Noahic)

Day 3: Genesis 15 (Abrahamic)

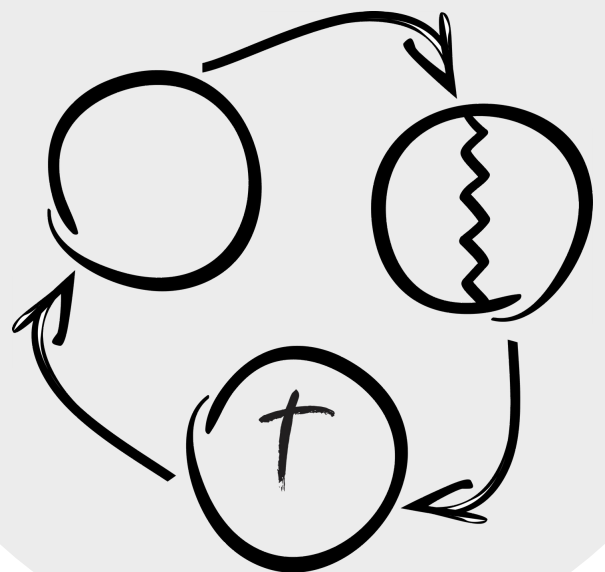
**Day 4: Deut. 29, 30; Matt. 5:17
(Mosaic)**

**Day 5: 2 Sam. 7:12-16, Matt. 1:1,
Rev. 19:11-16 (Davidic)**

**Day 6: Numbers 23:19, Titus 1:2,
Hebrews 6:18**

**Day 7: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews
7:22, Revelation 21:1-5 (New)**

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Covenant

Reading Reflections

1. Covenants, contracts, and promises between men often fail. What is different about covenants found in scripture?
2. What is your favorite Old Testament covenant? Why?
3. Can you list ways Jesus fulfills the requirements of two or more of the covenants we have studied this week?

Notes:

God with Us

Man was created to live in the presence of God. Nearness, closeness, satisfaction, love, presence of God; this is our purpose. But Isaiah 59:2 tells us that, “Your iniquities have separated you from your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.” God is so offended by sin that in Genesis 3 He expels his two image bearers from His presence for only one transgression. It is ironic then that men sin seeking the fulfillment and peace that can only be found in God’s presence. This produces a vicious cycle. Men sin because they seek satisfaction, but their sin keeps them from the satisfying presence of God. Jesus is Immanuel, God with us. Jesus alone is God’s solution to this problem.

Day 1: Genesis 2-3

Focus Verse: Genesis 3:8

Day 2: Exodus 40

Focus Verse: Exodus 40:34-38

Day 3: Daniel 3

Focus Verse: Daniel 3:24-25

Day 4: Isaiah 7

Focus Verse: Isaiah 7:14

Day 5: John 1-2:22

Focus Verse: John 1:14

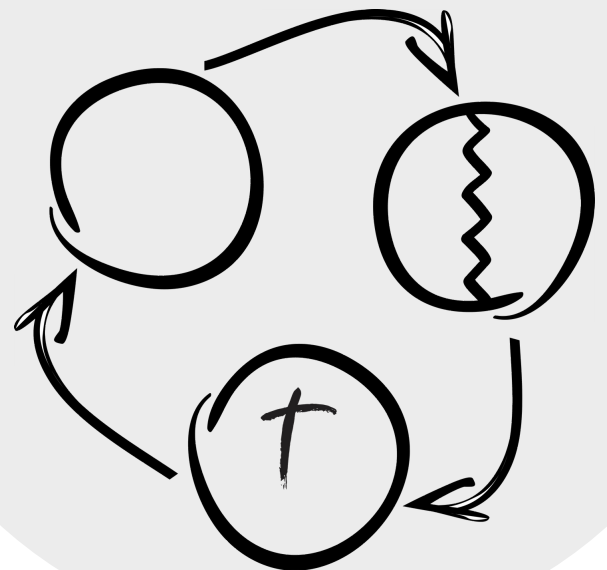
Day 6: Hebrews 9, Acts 3

**Focus Verse: Hebrews 9:24,
Acts 3:19-21**

Day 7: Revelation 21:1-8, 22-27

Focus Verse: Rev. 21:3

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God with us

Reading Reflections

1. Write down as many words as you can that describe your life before you were saved.
2. Write down words that describe your life since you have become a Jesus follower.
3. When and where and how do you experience the presence of God?
4. How does experiencing God's presence feel?
5. Are we ever in God's presence when we do not feel like we are in God's presence? How do you feel about that?
6. What do you need to do this week to be in the presence of God?

Notes:

Creation

The story of the Bible moves from Creation to New Creation. Genesis 1 and 2 chronicle the story of creation. Genesis 3 through most of the New Testament tell us how God is saving men and women - making them new creations. Revelation 21 and 22 unfold the fulfillment of God's creative work as He brings His people into His new creation.

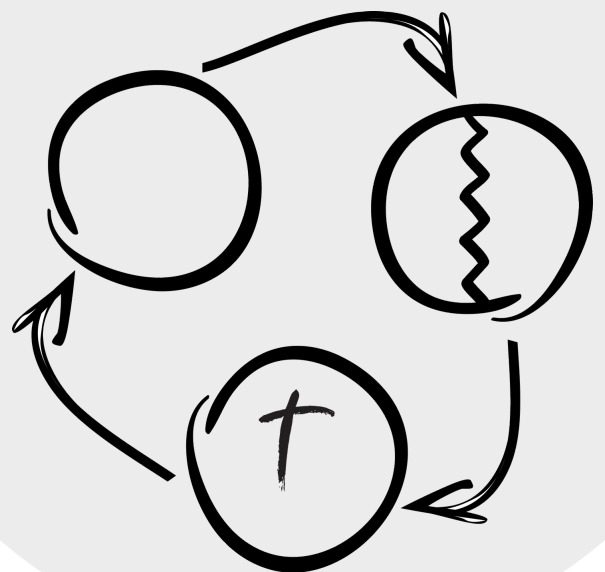
In six days, by the power of His Word, God created everything out of nothing. He created man in His image. Creation is witness to His infinite wisdom, goodness, power, sovereignty, glory and Trinity. Sin marred God's creation.

The story of Creation sets the stage for the revelation of His redemptive plan.

As you read these passages this week, you will see much about the character of God and what it means to be in Christ with the sure hope of the New Creation.

Notes:

Share the Word



Creation

Day 1: Our Triune God created everything out of nothing by the power of His Word.

Gen. 1:1-2; 1:3; 1:6; 1:9; 1:14; 1:20; 1:24, John 1:1-3

Day 2: God created mankind in His image: male and female. Then he created marriage.

Genesis 1:27-28; 2:22-24

Day 3: Creation reflects the goodness of God.

Gen. 1:12; 18; 21; 25

Day 4: Creation's witness.

Psalms 19, Romans 1:16-23

Day 5: Creation is the foundation of faith and of prayer.

Jeremiah 32:17; 27, Acts 4:23-31

Day 6: New Creations

2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:8-10

Day 7: The New Creation

Revelation 21-22

Reading Reflections

1. From Genesis 1-2 and John 1:1-3 how is the Trinity seen in creation?
2. What's the relationship between God's method of salvation in Gen 1 and the Word in John 1?
3. From Genesis 1:27-28 and 2:22-24 what is your uniqueness in creation?
4. What does creation tell us about Jesus?
5. How does being a new creation transform your relationship with God?
6. In what ways does being a new creation change how you "Live the Word?"



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