



Some things in life are essential. We need them. They are required. Fundamental to life. Sunlight is essential for plants. Love is essential for relationships. Truth is essential for human beings to know God and grow closer to Him. This **Essential** reading plan will help you see the **Truth** about God as you grow closer to him!

As you read each verse, write down what you discover about God in a notebook. Then take time to think about why God wants you to know this and how this truth can affect your life. **This is the big crossover from Bible reading to Bible study—writing, thinking, and acting.**

Essential 1: God

Day 1: Genesis 1:1–25 & Deuteronomy 6:1–9

Day 2: Isaiah 6:1–7 & Matthew 5:43–48

Day 3: Matthew 3:13–17 & 2 Corinthians 13:14

Day 4: Psalm 139:1–16 & Isaiah 46:8–11

Day 5: Ephesians 1:3–14 & Revelation 4

Essential 2: The Holy Spirit

Day 1: Acts 1:3–8 & Acts 2:1–13

Day 2: 1 Corinthians 12:1–13

Day 3: 1 John 4:1–6

Day 4: Isaiah 11:1 & Galatians 5:22–23

Day 5: John 14:16 & Acts 2:38

Essential 3: The Bible

Day 1: 2 Timothy 3:16–17

Day 2: 2 Peter 1:20–21

Day 3: 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Day 4: Colossians 3:16

Day 5: Hebrews 4:12–13

Essential 4: The Human Condition - Sin

Day 1: Genesis 1:26–31 & Genesis 5:1–3

Day 2: Genesis 3:1–19 & 2 Corinthians 11:1–4

Day 3: Psalm 51 & Romans 3:9–20

Day 4: Ephesians 2:1–3 & Romans 1:18–23

Day 5: Romans 5:1–21 & Colossians 1:15–23

Essential 5: The Person of Jesus Christ

Day 1: John 1:1–18 & Colossians 2:8–10

Day 2: Luke 1:26–38 & Matthew 1:18–25

Day 3: Hebrews 4:14–16 & Galatians 4:1–7

Day 4: Luke 23:32–49 & Luke 24:36–49

Day 5: Acts 1:1–11 & Hebrews 7:23–28

Essential 6: The Work of Jesus Christ

Day 1: Isaiah 53:1–12 & Romans 5:12–21

Day 2: Romans 3:21–26 & Hebrews 9:11–14

Day 3: Hebrews 10:1–18

Day 4: John 14:1–6 & Acts 4:1–12

Day 5: 1 Corinthians 15:1–20

Essential 7: The Church

Day 1: Ephesians 4:1–16 & Colossians 1:18

Day 2: Romans 4:1–8 & Ephesians 2:4–10

Day 3: Acts 2:42–47 & Hebrews 10:24–25

Day 4: Matthew 28:16–20 & Romans 6:1–4

Day 5: 1 Corinthians 11:17–34

Essential 8: Christian Living

Day 1: Galatians 5:1–6 & James 2:14–26

Day 2: Matthew 22:34–40 & Micah 6:6–8

Day 3: Luke 10:25–37 & Matthew 25:31–46

Day 4: Ephesians 6:10–20 & 2 Corinthians 10:3–5

Day 5: Matthew 28:16–20 & Acts 1:6–8

Essential 9: Eternal Destiny

Day 1: Acts 17:22–31 & Romans 10:8–13

Day 2: John 5:24–29 & 1 Corinthians 15:50–58

Day 3: Revelation 20:11–15 & 2 Thessalonians 1:5–10

Day 4: Revelation 21:1–7 & Revelation 22:1–5

Day 5: Ephesians 1:3–6 & Revelation 5:9–14

Essential 10: Christ's Return

Day 1: Acts 1:9–11 & 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Day 2: Matthew 24:36–51

Day 3: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Day 4: Titus 2:11–14 & 2 Peter 3:1–13

Day 5: Matthew 24:14 & 2 Timothy 4:1–8