God's True Story

Bible Reading Plan - 2027 Part 1

Introduction

This Reading Plan is designed to be different from many traditional Bible reading plans. Rather than focusing on reading through the entire Bible in one year, this plan intentionally moves at a slower pace over the course of several years. The goal is not simply to complete reading, but to grow in understanding of God and His Word.

Each week centers around one Scripture passage. Instead of moving quickly through large sections of Scripture, participants are encouraged to engage deeply with a single passage throughout the week using a different reading approach each day. While the weekly structure remains consistent, the Scripture passage changes from week to week.

The passages in this plan align with the curriculum studied across all small groups at Brushy Creek, from birth through senior adults. Each week's reading corresponds with the upcoming Sunday's lesson, allowing individuals and families to prepare for and engage more deeply in group Bible study.

Weekly Reading Format

Day 1 — Read the Passage
Begin by reading the week's Scripture passage carefully. If time allows, reread it in a different translation or paraphrase. Reading from multiple translations can help provide fresh perspective and clarity.

Day 2 — Study the Passage
Read the passage again with pen and paper in hand. Mark repeated words, themes, comparisons, contrasts, lists, conjunctions, cause-and-effect relationships, and other important details. The purpose is to recognize the intentional structure and meaning within Scripture and to better understand what God is communicating through His Word.

Helpful resources for this type of study may include books such as Grasping God's Word or Women of the Word.

Day 3 — Reflect on God's Character
Read the passage alongside the study questions provided in the Bible study bookmark available on the Family Hub under Family Ministry Curriculum Resources, particularly questions that focus on what the passage teaches about God. Resources such as an "Attributes of God" guide may also be helpful in identifying and reflecting on God's character.

Day 4 — Consider Doctrine and Theology
Read the passage while focusing on a specific doctrine, creed, catechism question, or theological truth provided for that week. These reflections are intended to help connect individual passages to the larger story and teachings of Scripture.

As Kevin DeYoung writes in Daily Doctrine, "the overarching goal in all this learning [of doctrine] is to understand what the Bible teaches, defend what the Bible teaches, and enjoy the God whom the Bible reveals."

Day 5 — Gospel Priority "I am" Statements
Read this week's passage. Pray through this week's scripture, and apply the text with a Gospel Priority statement.

A Final Encouragement

This plan is designed not only for personal study, but also for participation within the church body. Each Sunday provides an opportunity to gather with others, discuss the passage, ask questions, and celebrate a deeper understanding of God together.

Bible teacher Jen Wilkin often says, "The heart cannot love what the mind does not know." It is our prayer that through this reading plan, participants will grow in their knowledge of God and, in turn, grow in their love for Him.

Resources:
Questions as you study the Bible bookmark
ESV Journaling Bible
Grasping God's Word by J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays
Women of the Word by Jen Wilkin
Attributes of God
The New City Catechism by Crossway (NCC)
Daily Doctrine by Kevin DeYoung
Praying the Bible by Donald S. Whitney
Baptist Faith and Message
Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones (JSB)
The Biggest Story Bible by Kevin DeYoung (BSB)
Hey-O! Stories of the Bible (Hey-O)

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Week of 12/28-1/3
Judges 1-2
What is the law of God stated in the ten commandments? You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below - you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.

Gosel Priority Statement: I am growing every week through reflective conversations about God's word.

☐ Day 1 ☐ Day 2 ☐ Day 3 ☐ Day 4 ☐ Day 5

Week of 1/4-1/10
Judges 6-8
What does every sin desrve? Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am living in the provision of God with grateful contentment.

☐ Day 1 ☐ Day 2 ☐ Day 3 ☐ Day 4 ☐ Day 5

Week of 1/11-1/17
Judges 13-16
What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments? First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am taking steps of growth in how God has gifted me to serve His Church.

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Week of 1/18-1/24
Ruth 1-2
Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor? Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am putting the needs of others above my own preferences with compassion.

☐ Day 1 ☐ Day 2 ☐ Day 3 ☐ Day 4 ☐ Day 5

Week of 1/25-1/31
Ruth 3-4
Who is the Redeemer? The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am connecting with others in my group beyond church activity.

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Week of 2/1-2/7
1 Samuel 1-2:11
What is Prayer? Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am inviting others into the highs and lows of my life through prayer.

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Week of 2/8--2/14
1 Samuel 2:12-36

Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished? No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am seeking encouragement through accountability to other believers.

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Week of 2/15-2/21
1 Samuel 3

How can we glorify God? We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am reading my Bible at least 5 times per week.

☐ Day 1 ☐ Day 2 ☐ Day 3 ☐ Day 4 ☐ Day 5

Week of 2/22-2/28
1 Samuel 8-9

King. Jesus Christ is the only king and head of the church. Christ exercises his kingly office in three ways: by establishing and governing the church, by saving and sustaining his elect people, and by taking vengeance upon those who do not know God and do not obey the Gospel. Christ rules as a king of law, of love, and of lordly recompense.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am memorizing key scriptures that I am reading.

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Week of 3/1-3/7
Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:28-40 and John 12:12-19
What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God? One who is truly human and also truly God.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am anticipating the opportunity to share the gospel out of my journey with Jesus.

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Week of 3/8-3/14
Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-30
Why must the Redeemer be truly human? That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also that he might sympathize with our weaknesses.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am joining with other believers as we read together.

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Week of 3/15-3/21
Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-50; Luke 22:39-53 and John 18:1-11
Why must the Redeemer be truly God? That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am talking to Jesus about people in my life who are far from Him.

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Week of 3/22-3/28
Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-13; Luke 24:1-48 and John 20-21
Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die? Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am talking to people about Jesus where I live, work, and play.

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Week of 3/29-4/4
1 Samuel 10-12
Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly? Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am bringing tithes and offerings to God out of what He has given me.

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Week of 4/5-4/11
1 Samuel 13-15
The Essence of Sin. Sin is another name for hideous rebellion, that God-defiance, that wretched opposition to the Creator that crouches at the door of every fallen human heart. Sin is both a condition, inherited from Adam, and an action, manifesting itself in thought, word, and deed, which, when full-grown, gives birth to death.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am practicing rhythms of repentance regularly.

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Week of 4/12-4/18
1 Samuel 16

How does the Holy Spirit help us? The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am volunteering in a ministry area at BCBC on a consistent basis.

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Week of 4/19-4/25
1 Samuel 17

What is God? God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am making financial decisions that reflect obedient faith in Jesus.

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Week of 4/26-5/2
2 Samuel 6-7

Davidic Covenant. The Davidic Covenant is a covenant of kingship. It marks out the arrival of the glorious kingdom of Israel, and it anticipates a glorious king to come. The Davidic covenant consolidates all the promises of the previous covenants and sets the stage for richer fulfillment in the years and centuries ahead.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am anticipating the opportunity to share the gospel out of my journey with Jesus.

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Week of 5/3-5/9
2 Samuel 11-12

Did God create us unable to keep his law? No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God's law.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am confessing my sin to Christ, receiving His forgiveness.

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Week of 5/10--5/16
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12, 45-46, 3:1-28

With what attitude should we pray? With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am growing every week through reflective conversations about God's word.

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Week of 5/17--5/23
1 Kings 6-9:9

What is the Church? God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am volunteering in a ministry area at BCBC on a consistent basis.

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Week of 5/24-5/30
1 Kings 10-12
What does the law of God require? Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am making financial decisions that reflect obedient faith in Jesus.

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Week of 5/31-6/6
1 Chronicles 17, 1 Kings 1-2, 11-12, 16:29-33, 2 Kings 17
Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose? That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am practicing rhythms of repentance regularly.

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Week of 6/7-6/13
2 Kings 22-23, 2 Chronicles 34
How is the Word of God to be read and heard? With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am memorizing key scriptures that I am reading

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Week of 6/14-6/20
Hebrews 1:1-4

Prophet. The prophetic office received divine revelation (in dreams, angelic visitations, and verbal communication). Actively, he revealed to others what God had given to him. The prophet's role was broad: he warned and admonished, he comforted and encouraged, he rebuked, he called for repentance, he gave assurance of grace, he made known God's will, he announced God's commands, he spoke of coming blessing and threatened coming judgment.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am talking to people about Jesus where I live, work, and play.

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Week of 6/21-27
Amos

What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments? Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.

Gospel Priority Statement: I am taking steps of growth in how God has gifted me to serve His Church.

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