

THE STORY OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

- _____ Day 1 **Luke 1-2** The birth of Jesus
- _____ Day 2 **John 1:1-18** The identity of Jesus
- _____ Day 3 **Luke 4:14-44** Jesus begins his ministry
- _____ Day 4 **Matthew 5-6** The Core of Jesus' Teachings
- _____ Day 5 **John 3** God's love for the world
- _____ Day 6 **John 5** Jesus' miracles and authority
- _____ Day 7 **John 11** Jesus' power over death
- _____ Day 8 **John 15** The Christian life defined
- _____ Day 9 **Matthew 26-27** The arrest and crucifixion of Jesus
- _____ Day 10 **John 20, Luke 24** The Resurrection of Jesus and his ascension
- _____ Day 11 **Acts 2** The coming of the Holy Spirit
- _____ Day 12 **Acts 9, 16-19** The conversion of Saul and his ministry
- _____ Day 13 **Acts 26** Paul's defense of the Christian faith
- _____ Day 14 **Romans 3** Justification by faith alone
- _____ Day 15 **Romans 7-8** The Battle with sin: life in the Spirit
- _____ Day 16 **1 Corinthians 13, Ephesians 5** The way of love
- _____ Day 17 **1 Corinthians 15** The power of the Resurrection
- _____ Day 18 **Galatians 5, Ephesians 4** Freedom and unity in Christ
- _____ Day 19 **Ephesians 6** The whole armor of God
- _____ Day 20 **Philippians 1:18-2:18** Christ's example
- _____ Day 21 **Colossians 3:1-17** Putting on the new self
- _____ Day 22 **Hebrews 4:14-5:10** Jesus the great High Priest
- _____ Day 23 **James 1, 1 Peter 1** Pure religion
- _____ Day 24 **1 John 4:7-21** God is love
- _____ Day 25 **Revelation 21-22** The new heaven and earth

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

- _____ Day 26 **Genesis 1:1-3:19** The creation and fall of humanity
- _____ Day 27 **Genesis 12, 28:10-15, 32:22-28** God calls a people his own
- _____ Day 28 **Genesis 37, 39-46** The story of Joseph
- _____ Day 29 **Exodus 1-6** The call of Moses
- _____ Day 30 **Exodus 7-14** Moses and Pharaoh
- _____ Day 31 **Exodus 19-20:2** The 10 Commandments
- _____ Day 32 **Deuteronomy 6:1-7:26, 11:13-21** Obedience flows from love
- _____ Day 33 **Judges 1:1-2:19** Cycles of disobedience in God's people
- _____ Day 34 **1 Samuel 7-9, 1 Samuel 15-17** The fall of Saul and rise of David
- _____ Day 35 **2 Samuel 5, 7-9, 11-12** Tales of David's life
- _____ Day 36 **1 Kings 2-3, 6, 11** Solomon's reign
- _____ Day 37 **1 Kings 11:9-14:31** The dividing of the kingdom
- _____ Day 38 **1 Kings 17-19, 2 Kings 2, 4** The prophets Elijah and Elisha
- _____ Day 39 **Job 1-2, 38-42** How the righteous respond to hard times
- _____ Day 40 **Psalms 1, 23, 139** Psalms that enrich your soul
- _____ Day 41 **Psalms 6, 22, 38, 51** Psalms for the suffering and sinful
- _____ Day 42 **Proverbs 3, 5, 7, 16, 31** Wisdom for everyday life
- _____ Day 43 **Jeremiah 11-12, 31:31-40** The covenant broken and new covenant
- _____ Day 44 **Jeremiah 23:1-6; Isaiah 9: 6-7, 53** Jesus the promised King
- _____ Day 45 **Jonah 1-4** The story of Jonah
- _____ Day 46 **Daniel 1-3** Exile in Babylon
- _____ Day 47 **Daniel 4-6** The Life of Daniel
- _____ Day 48 **Nehemiah 1-2, 4-5, 8-9** The rebuilding of Jerusalem
- _____ Day 49 **Esther 1-8** The story of Esther
- _____ Day 50 **Malachi 1-4** Final words of the Old Testament

50 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

WHEN

MORNING OR EVENING

Jesus and the psalmist are often found praying in the morning (Psalm 5:3, Luke 4:42). The evenings less so, but choose a time when you are at your best and most attentive.

LUNCH BREAK

If you have time during your workday to read during your lunch or another break, this might be a perfect way to spend your time.

ANYTIME

Some of you may have such busy lives that you need to fit it in whenever you can. This is totally normal! Make sure that whatever time you decide to read your Bible you are in a place where you can focus and reflect on God's Word.

WHAT

STUDY BIBLE

We recommend the *NIV Life Application* or *NIV Study Bible*. If you want to get even more in-depth, look at some of the commentaries in the *NIV Application Commentary* series.

BIBLE READING PLAN

Keep this reading plan in your Bible and refer to it for the first 50 days. If you miss a day (or more), just pick up where you left off and keep going.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about studying your Bible or finding resources that are right for you, or about what you've read, consider talking to a friend, or Bible study leader, or someone from church. Or contact one of the ECRC Pastors: jeff.klein@elmhurstcrc.org or gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org

HOW

PRAY

Ask God to speak to you through His Word. And then expect God to speak. Your approach to God's Word will greatly impact your times of personal worship. Ask God to search your heart and transform your life.

READ

Mark up your Bible as you read. If you have an interpretive question, use the study Bible notes to explore answers. It may be helpful to join a Women's or Men's Bible study discuss with others your reflections and questions.

JOURNAL

Read the Bible expecting God to speak to you. Try writing down what you hear God saying to you as you read his word. Ask yourself these questions while you read: What is God teaching me? What is God asking me to do? How is God expressing his love through this passage?