




December

DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our Advent reading plan!

Before your reading each day, meditate on Matthew 2:6 , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

Memorization & Meditation:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” - Matthew 2:6

WEEK 1 – Hope

Sunday, November 29th

- [Dec 1] Matthew 1:18-25 | As we enter into this season of hopeful anticipation celebrating the birth of our Savior, what are you hoping for in your everyday life? In your spiritual life?
- [2] Isaiah 7:14 | As we saw in Matthew yesterday, Jesus is the fulfillment of this prophecy! How does that raise your hope today?
- [3] Hebrews 11:1 | How has our previous series in Revelation assured you of what you hope for?
- [4] Isaiah 40:1-5 | Biblical hope is a confident expectation for what is coming. How does this prophecy point to Jesus as the hoped for One?
- [5] Luke 2:8-18 | How do you think it felt to be the shepherds and to be witnessing the event generations of Jews had been hoping for?

WEEK 2 – Faith

Sunday, December 6th

- [7] Luke 1:26-38 | How is Mary’s faith made apparent in this passage?
- [8] Luke 1:39-56 | How does this passage show us that the Lord honors our faithfulness?
- [9] Luke 1:5-20 | Reflect upon a time when you had trouble placing your faith in the promises of God, as Zechariah did in this passage.
- [10] Matthew 1:18-25 | Joseph was faithful to a difficult calling. How does Joseph’s costly obedience inspire you?
- [11] Matthew 2:1-6 | What can you learn about faith in the wisemen’s willingness to follow a star without knowing the destination?
- [12] Matthew 2:7-12 | The wisemen obeyed the warning they received in a dream. Has the Lord ever given you a warning? Were you obedient to follow it?

WEEK 3 – Joy

Sunday, December 13th

- [14] Luke 2:8-14 | What do you think it would have been like to hear multitudes of angels praising God? How does it remind you of Revelation?
- [15] John 1:9-14 | What joy does this passage bring you today?
- [16] Psalm 28:7 | The NIV version of this text says, “My heart leaps for joy.” How does following Jesus fill your heart with joy?
- [17] Isaiah 9:1-7 | What a joy and hope-filled passage! What stands out to you the most as you read through it?
- [18] James 1:2-4 | Though this Advent season is joyous, this year has been filled with trials! What does it look like to be joyful in the midst of trials?
- [19] Isaiah 35:1-10 | What do you think it will be like to experience everlasting joy when Christ comes again?

WEEK 4 – Peace

Sunday, December 20th

- [21] Romans 5:6-8 | Christmas (the birth of Jesus) marks the beginning of God’s great rescue plan! Reflect today on how valuable you are to God.
- [22] Genesis 3:14-15 | Based on the teaching from Sunday, how is Jesus the fulfillment of this prophecy from God?
- [23] Isaiah 61:1-3 | Jesus is the fulfillment of this prophecy too! What encouragement does this passage give you today?
- [24] Luke 2:1-21 | As you read this familiar story, ask the Lord to speak to you through it. What is He saying?
- [25] Merry Christmas! Spend some time praying with those you love today, thanking God for the incredible gift of Jesus’ birth and life!
- [26] Galatians 4:4-7 | God sent us the ultimate gift when He sent us His Son. Reflect upon the gift you have been given in Christ Jesus and praise God for adopting you and redeeming you!

WEEK 5

Sunday, December 27th

- [28] Psalm 18:16-19 | Have you looked to the Lord for support in 2020? Spend time reflecting and ask the Lord to grow your reliance upon Him in the coming year!
- [29] Psalm 23 | Spend time reflecting on how the Lord has been your shepherd this year.
- [30] Galatians 5:13 | Have you been walking in the freedom you have in Christ this year? What has that looked like? Are you serving one another as the verse says? How can you grow in this in the coming year?
- [31] Ephesians 2:13-14 | He himself is our peace. As 2020 comes to a close, what does it look like for Jesus to be your peace in the year ahead?



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