




December

DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our December 2021 reading plan! We will be pausing our Matthew study to embrace the Advent season and prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus! Before your reading each day, meditate on Micah 7:18 , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

Memorization & Meditation:

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.” – Micah 7:18

WEEK 1

- [December 1] Romans 15:13 | This week of Advent we celebrate Hope! What do you think it looks like to abound in hope?
- [2] Micah 4:1-5 | What hope do you see in this passage?
- [3] Hebrews 6:19 | Read this verse again in the context of the passage (v.13-20). What is the hope set before us?
- [4] Micah 6:6-8 | How does verse 8 challenge or affirm your values?

WEEK 2

Sunday, December 5th - Peace

- [6] Isaiah 7:14 | Consider sweet, supernaturally pregnant Mary. How does trusting in God's promises give us peace even when our circumstances don't feel like they should be peaceful?
- [7] Isaiah 26:3 | How have you seen the truth of this verse in your walk with God?
- [8] John 14:27 | How is the peace of God different from the peace of the world?
- [9] Philippians 4:6-9 | Again, we reflect on the peace of God. What are you thinking about in this season? How could shifting your mindset to focus on what is true, honorable, etc, give you life and peace in your everyday life?
- [10] Micah 7:18-20 | How does this verse challenge or grow your view of who God is?
- [11] Spend time reflecting on the advent theme of peace today. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand the peace of God. Ask Him to help you walk in it as a fruit of the Spirit.

WEEK 3

Sunday, December 12th - Love

- [13] Luke 2:1-21 | How do you see the love of God reflected in these passages?
- [14] 1 Chronicles 16:34 | This refrain is seen throughout the Bible. Spend time today joining the eternal chorus thanking and praising Him for His steadfast love!
- [15] Psalm 13:5 | God keeps His promises. He promised salvation in the prophets (OT) and He delivered it through the person of Jesus (NT). Are you struggling to trust God in any area of your life? Spend time reminding yourself of His faithfulness and steadfast love today. Ask Him to grow your trust.
- [16] Romans 5:8 | Micah 7 says that God “delights in steadfast love.” How can we take the love we've been given and share it with others? Can you think of one practical way to do that in your life this week?
- [17] 2 Samuel 22:50-51 | Once more we see scripture pointing forward to Jesus and His saving power. How has your life been changed by the steadfast love of God?
- [18] Matthew 1:18-25 | What stands out to you as you read these familiar words today?

WEEK 4

Sunday, December 19th - Joy

- [20] Luke 2:1-20 | Can you imagine being Jewish and hearing about the birth of the promised Messiah after hundreds of years of silence from God? What joy do you think the shepherds were feeling as they went to worship baby Jesus?
- [21] John 15:7-11 | How would “these things I [Jesus] have spoken to you” (v.11) raise joy within your heart?
- [22] Philippians 4:4 | Why is God always worth rejoicing in? Take some time to consider His goodness towards you.
- [23] Psalm 16:11 | What do you think the Psalmist means by “fullness of joy”?
- [24] Isaiah 6:2-3 | Christmas lights, treats, presents, and gatherings tend to increase our joy this time of year. How has the Light of Jesus Christ increased your joy as you walk closely with Him?
- [25] Merry Christmas! Spend some time praying with those you love today, thanking God for the incredible gift of Jesus' birth and life!

WEEK 5

Sunday, December 26th

- [27] Psalm 30:11-12 | Has the Lord turned your mourning to dancing this year? If He has, spend time praising Him today! If He has yet to do this, take comfort knowing that this is what God does. Pray and ask Him again to do it in your life.
- [28] Psalm 31:13-16 | In these days it can feel like there is terror on every side as we look at the world around us. Take comfort in this verse today. Our times are in His hand.
- [29] Acts 2:14-41 | We have spent a lot of time this month reflecting on the birth of Jesus. What stands out to you in Peter's first sermon after the death and resurrection of Jesus?
- [30] Acts 2:42-47 | As we look at this beautiful, intimate picture of the fellowship in the early church, take inventory of your life. Are you connected to other believers? Do you have fellow Christians you break bread with, pray with, laugh with and cry with? If yes, praise Jesus! Pray for these people today! If not, we strongly encourage you to reach out and get connected more deeply at Antioch! We would love to help you do that. Email us at info@antiochcountryside.com or talk to one of the pastors or ministry leaders on Sunday!
- [31] Spend time reflecting on 2021. What has the Lord taught you? What are some new areas you could invite Him into for your spiritual and personal growth? Who can you thank God for? Who can you lift up to Him in prayer?



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