




# December

## DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our December 2022 reading plan! We will be celebrating Advent this month and preparing our hearts to remember the birth of Christ on Christmas. Before your reading each day, meditate on Isaiah 9:16 , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

### Memorization & Meditation:

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” – Isaiah 9:6*

### WEEK 1

- [Dec 1] Luke 1:39-45 | How do the Gospel and God’s redemption plan for the world through Jesus make your heart leap for joy?
- [2] John 15:7-11 | How does “these things I [Jesus] have spoken to you” (v.11) raise joy within your heart?
- [3] Isaiah 35:1-10 | What do you think it will be like to experience everlasting joy (v.10) when Christ comes again?

### WEEK 2

#### Sunday, December 4th

- [5] John 14:27 | Peace is a gift from Jesus! How has His peace been a blessing in your life of faith?
- [6] Ephesians 2:8-9 | Is there anything you’re doing to work for your salvation that is stealing your peace from you? Confess it today and ask the Lord to forgive you and restore your peace by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- [7] Isaiah 40:3-5 | John was preparing people for the coming Christ. What can you do this Advent season to prepare your heart, mind, and spirit to celebrate the arrival of our Savior on Christmas?
- [8] Psalm 72:18-19 | Gratitude and praise are great ways to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas! What wondrous things has the LORD done in your life this year?
- [9] Luke 1:26-56 | Take a moment and imagine what Mary’s preparation for the birth of Jesus was like. What do you think she was thinking, feeling, or praying about in the months leading up to His birth?
- [10] Isaiah 9:6-7 | Which one of the names of Jesus in this passage stands out to you the most in this season of your faith walk? Why?

### WEEK 3

#### Sunday, December 11th

- [12] Isaiah 40:1-5 | Hope means, “to expect with confidence.” How do prophecies like these give us hope, raise our confident expectations in the promises of God?
- [13] Psalm 130:5-8 | Israel was waiting and hoping for the Lord’s promised Savior for hundreds of years before Jesus was born! What does the Lord have you waiting for? Are you putting your hope in Him as you wait?
- [14] Hebrews 10:23 | The NIV calls our faith, “the hope that we profess.” How would you explain the hope that you profess to someone if they asked you this Christmas?

- [15] 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?
- [16] Matthew 2:1-6 | What can you learn about faith in the Wisemen’s willingness to follow a star without knowing the destination?
- [17] Isaiah 7:14 | Immanuel means God with us. What hope does it give you to have Jesus with you daily?

### WEEK 4

#### Sunday, December 18th

- [19] John 3:16-17 | When you meditate on the love of God towards you what do you think or feel? Invite God into the moment. Ask Him to show you how He feels for you.
- [20] Romans 5:1-5 | God brings hope out of suffering through His love. How have you seen the hope of God emerge from your suffering?
- [21] 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 | What does this passage teach you about the love of God toward you?
- [22] John 1:1-18 | Christmas is about God becoming flesh. What stands out to you in this passage?
- [23] Luke 2:1-21 | As you read this familiar story, ask the Lord to speak to you through it. What is He saying? What will your response to Him be?
- [24] Matthew 1:18-2:12 | Spend some time tonight praising God for His amazing gift of Jesus Christ to the world - the true reason why we celebrate Christmas!

### WEEK 5

#### Sunday, December 25th - Christmas

- [26] Psalm 100 | What praise and thanksgiving do you have to offer back to the Lord today?
- [27] Col. 1:15-22 | It is good to remind our hearts who Jesus is and what He has done! How has this passage ministered to you today?
- [28] Psalm 18:16-19 | Has the Lord been your support this year? Spend time reflecting and ask the Lord to grow your reliance upon Him in the coming year!
- [29] Philippians 4:8 | What comes to mind when you think on these things? How is this type of focus for our thoughts different than that of the world?
- [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] Spend time reflecting on 2022. 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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