




# APRIL

## DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our April 2023 reading plan! We will be diving deeply into the book of Ephesians this year and as we navigate it we will also explore different passages of the Bible that increase our understanding of the Gospel and how its truths affect the way we live day to day. Before you read each day meditate on Ephesians 1:16-18a , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

### Memorization & Meditation:

*"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, having the knowledge of your heart enlightened."* – Ephesians 1:16-18a

[April 1] John 12:12-36 | What will Jesus be riding when He returns in glory? How do the two scenes contrast? (see Revelation 19 for reference.)

### WEEK 1

#### Sunday, April 2nd – Palm Sunday

- [3] Isaiah 52:13-53:12 | Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to speak through this text and then read it one more time, slowly. What stands out to you? Why?
- [4] Luke 22:1-38 | Look again at the passage beginning in v. 24 - how does Jesus's teaching show us that Heaven's values are different from those of the world?
- [5] Luke 22:39-62 | What emotions do you feel as you read v.39-46?
- [6] Luke 22:63-23:25 | The voice of the crowd was louder than the voice of Pilate. Can you think of a time when you were torn between the truth and the crowd? What happened?
- [7] Luke 23:26-55 | Spend some time contemplating all that Jesus went through on your behalf.
- [8] Luke 24:1-35 | Pray and spend time praising God for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and for His plan to bring His people back to Him!

### WEEK 2

#### Sunday, April 9th – Easter

- [10] Galatians 2:20 | What does it mean to be crucified with Christ? How have you changed since you first believed in Jesus?
- [11] Ephesians 1:15-23 | Who are the believers in your life that you never cease thanking God for, as Paul did with the Ephesians in this prayer? Spend some time praying this prayer over them today!
- [12] 2 Corinthians 4:5-6 | How does the Holy Spirit reveal God's character to us?
- [13] Ephesians 1:19 | God has given great power to His saints to do battle against the darkness! Is there an area of your life where you need to remind your heart/mind that the Holy Spirit has given you access to this power?
- [14] Ephesians 1:20-23 | How does this picture of Christ contrast with the picture of Jesus as a friend that we often think of? Why is it important that we hold both pictures in our hearts and minds?
- [15] Pray this prayer (Eph 1:15-23) over yourself and your family today, considering anything new He may have brought to mind in your readings this week.

### WEEK 3

#### Sunday, April 16th

- [17] Ephesians 1:1-6 | What is your picture of your Heavenly Father like? What do passages like today's reading do to improve or grow your view of Him?
- [18] Ephesians 1:7-10 | How does it make you feel to know that the whole narrative of the Bible is God's redemption plan playing out over time?
- [19] Ephesians 1:11-14 | Take some time to consider how radical it was that Jesus came to earth and died, not only to save us from the penalty of sin, but to also fully include us in His heavenly inheritance! Spend some time praising Him for His goodness and generosity towards us!
- [20] Ephesians 1:15-23 | Can you think of a time when the Holy Spirit has caused the eyes of your heart to be enlightened and you were able to understand something spiritually that had been difficult for you before?
- [21] Ephesians 1 | Even though it may feel repetitive, there is benefit to re-reading the same passage over and over. What did God highlight for you today as you read the whole chapter?
- [22] Pray and thank God for the truths in Ephesians 1! Write down a few new things you've learned as we've studied Ephesians 1 for the last two months.

### WEEK 4

#### Sunday, April 23rd

- [24] Ephesians 2:1-2 | What differences do you see in the "course of this world" versus the way of Christ?
- [25] Ephesians 2:3-5 | How can meditating on these verses give us greater empathy, grace, and compassion for our brothers and sisters in Christ? For non-believers?
- [26] Luke 6:32-36 | Jesus is teaching us how to love others in the way God has loved us! Have you ever had the opportunity to lean into the Lord and love your enemy? What was that like?
- [27] Hebrews 4:14-16 | Sometimes it can feel hard to walk in the way of Jesus in today's culture. How does this passage encourage your heart in that struggle?
- [28] 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 | An ambassador is a representative for somewhere or someone. How does living as a new creation make us ambassadors for Christ?
- [29] Pray and thank the Lord for His mercy and grace toward you, both in bringing you into the family of God and in your daily walking out of your relationship with Him.

### WEEK 5

#### Sunday, April 30th



Pray for one person to grow in Christ this week.



Pray for one person to know Christ this week.