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FOR OUR GOOD ALWAYS



READING PLAN

As God's people, we want to be guided by His Word and empowered by His Spirit to fuel us to be a Jesus-centered family on mission.

Here's how this reading plan works. In each week, the first passage is the anchor text that was preached Sunday to help you recap what you heard. After that, the other passages help you further unpack and explore where else in the Bible these themes occur.

As you read the passages ask yourself the following questions to get you started:

- What does this passage reveal to me about God?
- What does this passage reveal to me about people?
- What is this passage calling me to do?
- What is this passage calling me to pray for?

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WEEK:

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Week 1 (August 23 - August 28)

Week 2 (August 30 - September 4)

Week 3 (September 6 - September 11)

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Week 7 (October 4 - October 9)

Week 8 (October 11 - October 16)

Week 9 (October 18 - October 23)

Week 10 (October 25 - October 30)

Week 11 (November 1 - November 6)

Week 12 (November 8 - November 13)

Week 13 (November 15 - November 20)

Week 1 (August 23 - August 28)

When we ask the question “Why does God care about what we do and don’t do?” the answer is because God created us, loves us, and wants our good. When we think about morality and God’s law, we often think of God as a cosmic killjoy. The truth is the opposite. God’s law is a fence for human flourishing, for our good always. In the passages this week we’ll explore this theme. In what areas of your life do you believe God is not for your good?

SCRIPTURE:

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Deuteronomy 5:1-21

Deuteronomy 6:20-25

Exodus 19:1-6

Deuteronomy 6:1-8

Deuteronomy 6:9-19

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Week 2 (August 30 - September 4)

We exist in a particular context that deeply shapes the way we think about right and wrong. And ultimately, God determines what is right and wrong, and what is for our good based on His character. In the passages this week we'll explore God's laws as an extension of God's character and holiness.

SCRIPTURE:

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Deuteronomy 5:1-5

Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Leviticus 11:44-45

Leviticus 19:1-4

Leviticus 20:22-26

A STUDY OF **Isaiah 6:1-7** THROUGH
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Week 3 (September 6 - September 11)

Forces in our culture set us up to think that if God doesn't let autonomous individuals do what they want with their lives and bodies, then He is unjust and must be rejected. But as followers of Jesus, our call is not to dismiss God but to submit to His loving authority in our lives. We do this primarily through abiding in Scripture - both listening and obeying. In this week's passages we'll explore the emphasis in Scripture on stoking a deeper love for God and His Word.

SCRIPTURE:

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Deuteronomy 5:22-27

Deuteronomy 5:28-33

Joshua 1:1-9

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Psalms 1

Psalms 119:9-16

Week 4 (September 13 - September 18)

Commandment number one: Have no other gods but The LORD God. In other words, the supremacy of God is the starting point for all the other commandments. God comes first. He makes the rules.. No other entity is able to make the rules or determine right from wrong. In this week's passages we'll see the theme of God's supremacy in creation, and the call for us to hold Him supreme in our lives. Outside of Jesus, what battles for supremacy in your life?

SCRIPTURE:

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Deuteronomy 5:7, Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 19:1-6

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Psalms 14

Romans 1:18-20

Week 5 (September 20 - September 25)

By making God into a false image, we degrade who He really is. This week we explore how God's people made false images, and that ultimately to know the image of God is to know Jesus. In what ways do you fashion God into your own image?

SCRIPTURE:

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Deuteronomy 5:8-10, Genesis 1:26-27

Exodus 32:1-6

Jeremiah 10:11-16

Habakkuk 2:18-20

Romans 1:21-23

Hebrews 1:1-4

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Week 6 (September 27 - October 2)

God has a name. And our call is to honor it above any other. In this week's passages we'll explore the reverency of His name, ending with Jesus' evoking the same name to Himself. What areas of your life are you not giving honor and reverence to the name of God? What does repentance look like for you?

SCRIPTURE:

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Deuteronomy 5:11, Leviticus 24:10-16

Exodus 3:7-14

Psalm 8:1-9

Psalm 54:1-7

John 8:48-58

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Week 7 (October 4 - October 9)

In this week's passages we'll explore what the Bible has to say about Sabbath and what's in store for us when we intentionally stop and take time to delight in God. We end this week in the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus reminds us that Sabbath is not something to judge people by, but as an invitation to extend love to others as we delight in Him.

SCRIPTURE:

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Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Numbers 15:32-36

Genesis 1:26-2:3

Isaiah 58:13-14

Isaiah 56:1-8

Matthew 12:9-12

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Week 8 (October 11 - October 16)

Learning how to submit to authority and be a part of a group bigger than us is for our good, and the nuclear family is one such structure God put in place to teach us to respect authority. In this week's passages we explore where else we see the call to obey our parents, and the bigger call to ultimately submit to God's authority.

SCRIPTURE:

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Deuteronomy 5:16, Deuteronomy 21:18-21

Proverbs 1:1-8

Proverbs 6:20-23

Ephesians 6:1-4

Colossians 3:18-25

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Week 9 (October 18 - October 23)

Because God made human beings in His image, all human life has tremendous dignity, value and worth. Our call as followers of Jesus then is to protect life, and as Jesus points out in The Sermon on the Mount, protecting human life begins in the heart.

SCRIPTURE:

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Deuteronomy 5:17, Deuteronomy 19:1-13

Genesis 9:1-7

Numbers 35:9-15

Psalms 139:13-18

Matthew 5:21-26

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Week 10 (October 25 - October 30)

In the Scriptures, sex is part of God's good design for marriage. It's an expression of covenant faithfulness. To go outside of that design is to ultimately harm ourselves and others. In this week's passages we'll see why sexual sin is so destructive and why Jesus says it's really a heart issue. We'll end this week by seeing that in Jesus, we don't have to be consumed by sexual sin.

SCRIPTURE:

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Deuteronomy 5:18, Deuteronomy 22:13-30

Deuteronomy 20:13-21

Proverbs 5:1-14

Proverbs 5:15-23

Matthew 5:27-30

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1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Week 11 (November 1 - November 6)

Our call as followers of Jesus is to, rather than steal from others, provide for and help others. We purposefully disadvantage ourselves so that people's needs would be met. In this week's passages we'll see how God cares for the lowly, the disadvantaged, the sojourner, the widow. In what areas of your life can you disadvantage yourself to care for others?

SCRIPTURE:

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Deuteronomy 5:19, Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Deuteronomy 16:18-20

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Matthew 6:1-4

Matthew 25:31-40

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James 2:1-13

Week 12 (November 8 - November 13)

As God's people, we choose truth over lies. We honor our fellow Image Bearers with our words, refusing to slander, assassinate their character, or be malicious. In the passages this week we'll see how as followers of Jesus, we're called to be people of truth and honor.

SCRIPTURE:

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Deuteronomy 5:20, Deuteronomy 19:15-21

John 8:31-38

John 8:39-47

John 8:48-59

James 3:1-12

Proverbs 10:18-32

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Week 13 (November 15 - November 20)

Because God is a good Father, He provides everything we need to glorify Him. When we focus on this, we have no need to covet. God loves us and will take care of us. In this week's passages, we'll reflect on the call to not covet, and how underneath it all, it's a heart issue to not be content in what we already have.

SCRIPTURE:

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Deuteronomy 5:21, James 1:9-18

Matthew 6:19-24

Matthew 6:25-34

Philippians 4:10-13

Luke 12:13-21

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