

Radiant Bible Reading Plan

Our Bible reading plan is designed to do three things:

1. Encourage the habit of daily Bible reading/meditation
2. Help you prepare for worship as well as contemplate the weekly sermon theme
3. Provide a simple and methodical way to read through the whole Bible

The first goal is accomplished through providing daily texts for you to read and contemplate. We encourage you to use the S.O.A.P. method of reading Scripture as your guide. (See below.) The second goal is accomplished by having you read the assigned sermon text for Sunday on Saturday. This way, you have already spent some time “chewing” on the text and you will get more out of the sermon on Sunday. We also add a secondary text on Monday for you to think about that’s related to the Sunday sermon theme. This way, you’ll have three days of processing what you’ve learned, discovered, and applied.

The final goal is accomplished through the daily texts assigned through the rest of the week: Tuesday is a reading from Psalms; Wednesday is a reading from the Old Testament; Thursday is a reading from the New Testament; and Friday is a reading from Proverbs. This gives you balanced study of Scripture that will hopefully encourage you to keep reading and growing in your faith.

S.O.A.P. Method

The S.O.A.P. Method of reading the Bible has been around for a while. It is just one methodology for reading Scripture. If you have a method that you’ve been using and works for you, please continue to do so! What I’ve found is that most people don’t really know how to read the Bible – where to start, how to read it, and what to do about it. This is a simple method to help you, and the acronym helps you remember the steps until it becomes second nature. Please note, this is not the time for inductive study, but allowing God to speak to you through His Word. S.O.A.P. stands for:

- Scripture
- Observation
- Application
- Prayer

Step 1: Scripture

Read the Scripture passage 3-4 times. As you read, ask the Holy Spirit to highlight a word, phrase or verse. Write it down.

Step 2: Observation

What does this passage teach me about God? What does it teach me about my relationship to him or others? Write it down.

Step 3: Application

- What does this passage teach me [about God] to be thankful for?
- What does it teach me to confess?
- What does it teach me to ask for?
- What does it teach me to do?

Write these down.

Step 4: Prayer

- Pray each of the meditations above (thanksgiving, confession, supplication)
- Pray for your own needs and pressing concerns
- Pray for others