



*But these are written so that you may come to believe
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,
and that through believing you may have life in his name.
John 20:31*

Bible in a Year Information

Join Pastor Prinsen in making a new year's resolution to read through the Bible this year. This is purely meant to be a Bible reading as a spiritual discipline like praying or meditating through which the Holy Spirit grows our faith in Christ through the scriptures. Although reading scripture is a first step in Bible study, this is not an in-depth study. You may want to read using a study Bible with helpful commentary introducing each book and offering guidance on each page as you read through the year. A very good study Bible is the Lutheran Study Bible found at augzburgfortress.org. If you would like to participate in any way, please email Pastor Tony Prinsen to be added to the email list of Bible readers.

How does reading through the Bible in a year work? We will read independently and get together monthly to chat about the readings, ask questions, and encourage one another in the resolution. There is a schedule of the readings available in another document linked in our weekly email, or just contact Pastor Prinsen to get one. See the schedule of meetings below, and join us whenever you can.

What if I fall behind in the readings or cannot finish in a year? No problem! The main goal of this program is to spend more time in the Bible. If you fall behind, just pick up either where you left off or pick up with the reading assigned for the day. If you cannot finish in a year, then finish in the

next year, or start again in the next year. While reading the Bible in a year can be a challenge, it is really meant to be a faith-growing experience of God's grace and not another stress in life. Read what you can and join us when you can—grace abounds!

When are the meetings? We will meet monthly to discuss previous readings and have an introduction to the upcoming readings. Do not worry about attending all of the meetings. Join us when you can. Meetings will be in person. If you cannot make it in person, but could swing a Zoom, just ask Pastor Prinsen for a link. All meetings will be mid-month on a Wednesday evening in the church library. Here is our schedule:

- Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 PM.
- Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30 PM.
- Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30 PM.
- Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 PM.
- Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM.
- Wednesday, June 12 at 7:00 PM.
- Wednesday, July 24 at 7:00 PM.
- Wednesday, August 21 at 7:00 PM.
- Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 PM.
- Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00 PM.
- Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 PM.
- Wednesday, December 11 at 7:30 PM.

Join us for any and all of reading the Bible in a Year. All are welcome anytime!

Contact Pastor Prinsen at aprinsen@emmanuelutheranvienna.org to get more information and sign up.



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