

# How to Conduct a Bible Read-Thru

## What is a Read-thru?

- A read-thru is a strategy for simply reading through a particular portion of the Bible within a given time period in partnership with other followers of Christ.
- The purpose of a read-thru is to meet with God and hear from Him in His Word.
- A read-thru is not an in-depth Bible study. Let God's Word wash over you.

## Logistics

- Agree as spiritual partners or as a group on a particular read-thru and appropriate pace.
- Make sure that everyone in your group knows how to navigate the Bible.
- Ensure that everyone has a version of the Bible that they can understand.
- Agree on a day and time to meet.

## What do we do when we meet?

- Come prepared to share what God is showing you from His Word.
- Tell how you are putting God's Word into practice in your lives.
- Pray for each other regarding struggles and victories you are experiencing right now.
- Encourage each other to keep pace with the reading plan, following the guidelines below.

## Always go to the Word expecting to meet with God and hear from Him!

Ask and discuss:

- What is God revealing to me here about Himself and how can I deepen my relationship with Him?
- How does this passage apply to my relationships with others?
- What does God want to change in me?
- What questions do I have?

## Read-thru plans

- Read through the New Testament (see attached plan).
- Read through the Old Testament chronologically (see attached plan).
- Read the Psalms and Proverbs through in a month (read five Psalms and one Proverb per day).
- Read through the Bible in a year. (Read three chapters a day, Monday thru Saturday, and five chapters on Sunday to read through the Bible in a year.)

## **New Testament Read-Thru**

Read thru the NT in 13 weeks at three chapters per day

### **Week**

1. John 1-21
2. Acts 1-21
3. Acts 22-28; Romans 1-14
4. Romans 15-16; Matthew 1-19
5. Matthew 20-28; 1 Corinthians 1-12
6. 1 Corinthians 13-16; 2 Corinthians 1-13; Luke 1-4
7. Luke 5-24; Galatians 1
8. Galatians 2-6; Eph 1-6; Phil 1-4; Col 1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1-2
9. 1 Thessalonians 3-5; 2 Thessalonians 1-3; Mark 1-15
10. Mark 16; Philemon; 1 Tim 1-6; 2 Tim 1-4; Titus 1-3; Heb 1-6
11. Heb 7-13; James 1-5; 1 Peter 1-5; 2 Peter 1-3; 1 John 1
12. 1 John 2-5; 2 John; 3 John; Jude; Revelation 1-14
13. Revelation 15-22

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Ask Him:

- What are You revealing to me here about Yourself?
- How does this passage apply to my relationship with You and others today?
- Lord, what do You want to change in me?

Partner with a friend or your small group to keep you accountable and to share what God is doing in your life!

## Old Testament Chronological Read-Thru

The Old Testament Chronological Read-Thru is an excellent way to grasp the order of events, their context, and how God revealed Himself to mankind in a progressive manner (see Hebrews 1:1-3). If you've ever wondered how the characters and events of the OT all fit together, then you will find this read-thru extremely helpful! If five chapters per day is too aggressive for you, simply read fewer chapters per day and stick to the plan order.

### Week (Reading five chapters per day)

1. Genesis 1-35
2. Genesis 36-50; Job 1-20
3. Job 21-42; Exodus 1-13
4. Exodus 14-40; Leviticus 1-8
5. Leviticus 9-27; Numbers 1-16
6. Numbers 17-36; Deuteronomy 1-15
7. Deuteronomy 16-34; Joshua 1-16
8. Joshua 17-24; Judges 1-21; Ruth 1-4; 1 Samuel 1-2
9. 1 Samuel 3-31; 1 Chronicles 1-6
10. 2 Samuel 1-24; 1 Chronicles 6-16
11. 1 Chronicles 17-29; Psalms 1-22
12. Psalms 22-56
13. Psalms 56-90
14. Psalm 90-124
15. Psalms 125-150; 1 Kings 1-9
16. 1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chronicles 1-9; Proverbs 1-24
17. Proverbs 25-31; Ecclesiastes 1-12; Song of Solomon 1-8; 1 Kings 12-19
18. 1 Kings 20-25; 2 Chronicles 10-22:9; 2 Kings 1-12; 2 Chronicles 22:10-13; 2 Kings 13-16
19. 2 Kings 17; 2 Chronicles 23-28; Joel 1-3; Jonah 1-4; Obadiah 1; Amos 1-9; Hosea 1-11
20. Hosea 12-14; 2 Kings 18-25; 2 Chronicles 29-36; Isaiah 1-16
21. Isaiah 17-51
22. Isaiah 52-66; Micah 1-7; Zephaniah 1-3; Nahum 1-3; Jeremiah 1-7
23. Jeremiah 8-42
24. Jeremiah 43-52; Lamentations 1-5; Habakkuk 1-3; Daniel 1-12; Ezekiel 1-5
25. Ezekiel 6-40
26. Ezekiel 41-48; Haggai 1-2; Zechariah 1-14; Ezra 1-10; Nehemiah 1
27. Nehemiah 2-13; Esther 1-10; Malachi 1-4

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**Discuss with your spiritual partner or small group:**

- How did God speak to you from His Word this week?
- What did He reveal about Himself—His character and dealings with mankind?
- As a result of reading this passage, what has God revealed that He wants to change in you?
- Pray with each other based on your responses to the above questions.

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