

KCC Bible Reading Plan

Develop a practice of savouring and meditating on the Word. Be nourished and refreshed every day.



*Foreword by our Pastors:
Like a Tree Planted by Streams of Water*

One of our favourite Bible imageries of a Christ-like believer is the tree in Psalm 1.

He lives righteously (following the way of righteousness), fruitfully (yields its fruit in its season) and is resilient (its leaf does not wither). He does all these without any striving, just by being himself, like a tree planted by streams of water.

A very inviting way of life.

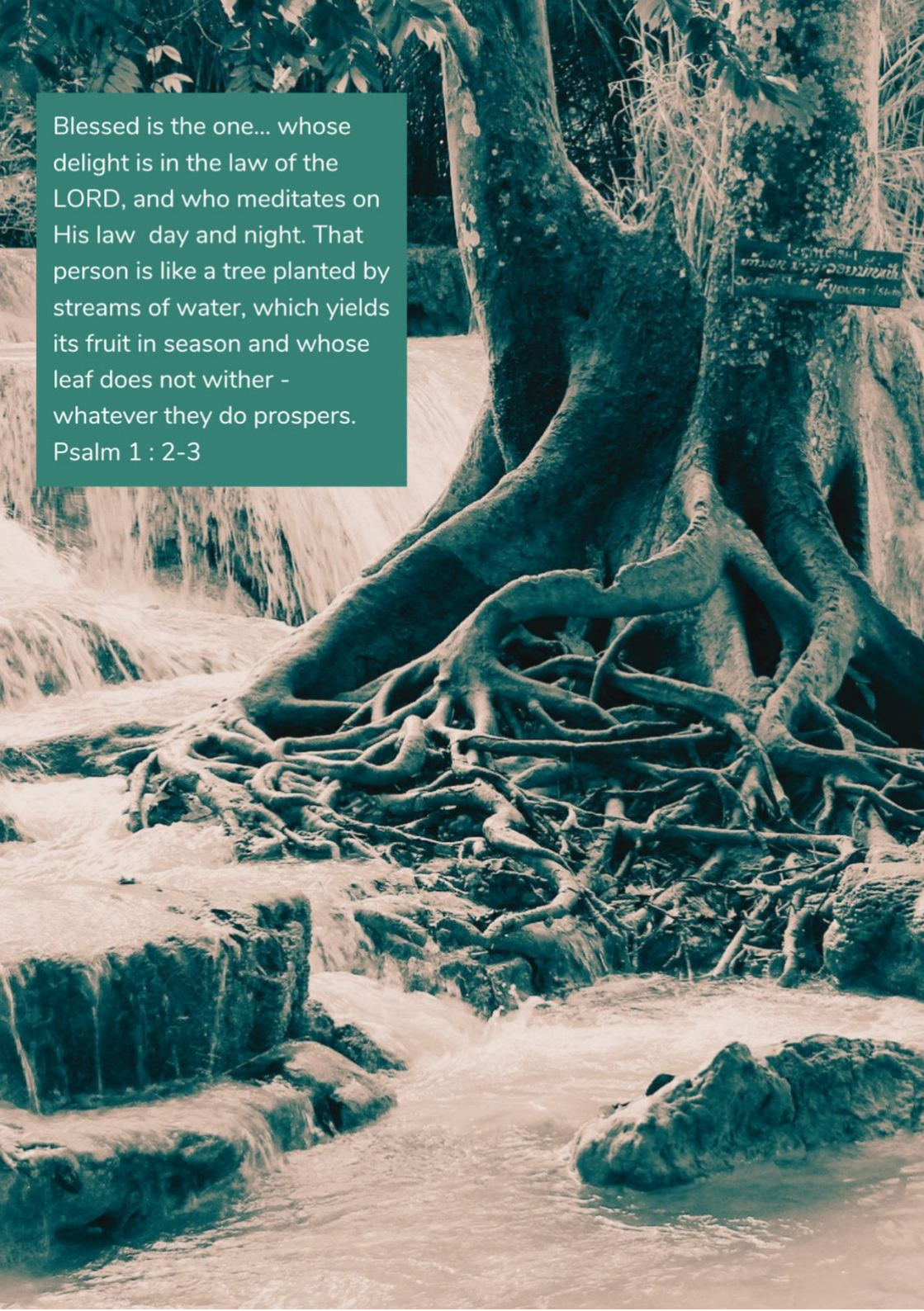
His secret? He delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on it day and night.

Do this, the psalmist says, and we will prosper and bear fruit in its season. If we don't, we'll experience the opposite result: we'll be like chaff that the wind blows away. Our lives won't last, especially in these uncertain times.

This is why, in Kingdom Community Church, we are passionate about encouraging and equipping everyone to read the Bible every day and through the year. In 2023, we invite you to, once again, read through the entire Bible. There is a special blessing when we do it together as a spiritual family. You can form groups of 2-5 with whom you can share insights or revelation received. Or simply to spur each other to complete the one-year journey.

May you have a fruitful year ahead!

Shalom,
Pastors Vincent & Jenny

A large, ancient tree with thick, gnarled roots that spread out over a rocky stream bed and waterfall. The water is clear and flows over the rocks. The background is a dense forest with green foliage. A small sign is visible on the tree trunk to the right.

Blessed is the one... whose
delight is in the law of the
LORD, and who meditates on
His law day and night. That
person is like a tree planted by
streams of water, which yields
its fruit in season and whose
leaf does not wither -
whatever they do prospers.
Psalm 1 : 2-3

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Bible Reading Plans

This year, we encourage you to find a Bible reading plan which is suitable for your own pace. The aim is not to rush through the Bible reading, but to take time to develop a discipline of connecting and communing with God on a daily basis.

Continue forming small groups to read with and discuss your reflections with one another. This helps with accountability and keeping you on track through the year!

We provide 2 suggested reading plans from [YouVersion \(Bible.com\) App](#). Feel free to find other options.

One Story that Leads to Jesus by BibleProject

This Bible-in-one-year plan starts from the Old Testament and works through the entire Bible, incorporating 150 animated videos and pointing to a unified story that leads to Jesus.



Word of God Speak ([Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#), [Part 4](#))

This is 4-part set of plans, each 3 months long. The plan first takes you through the entire New Testament and then chronologically through the main events of the Old Testament for an overview of the big story of Scripture. This plan is less intense as it selects Old Testament passages in manageable daily amounts.



For Chinese congregation, here's 2 suggested reading plans. Feel free to find other options!

[圣经日日行 - 来自力克和佩泊的生命感悟](#)

For less intensity: Read either the NT or OT passages each day

[约翰福音80天灵修计划](#)

Accessing & Starting the Plan

Download the [YouVersion Bible app](#).

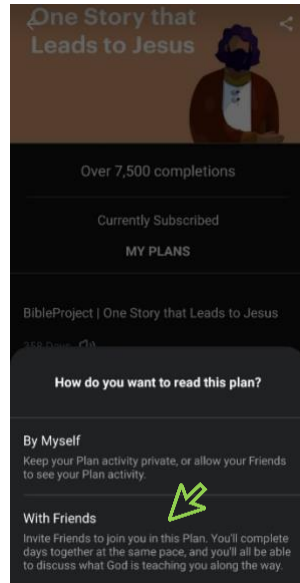
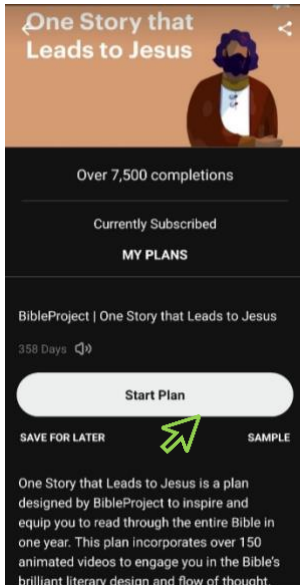
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Form a Spur Group

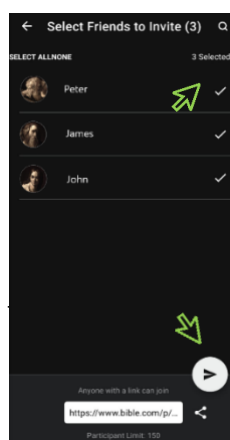
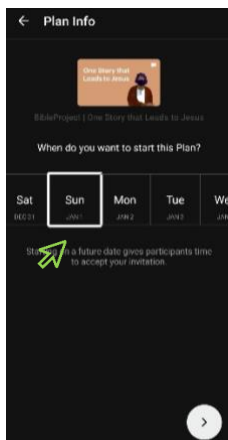
Join with 2-3 others and form a small spur group to read the Bible together in the year ahead. Share your thoughts using any online communication channels you wish (YouVersion 'Talk it Over' feature, WhatsApp, etc).

Here's how to start the plan with friends on the YouVersion Bible app:

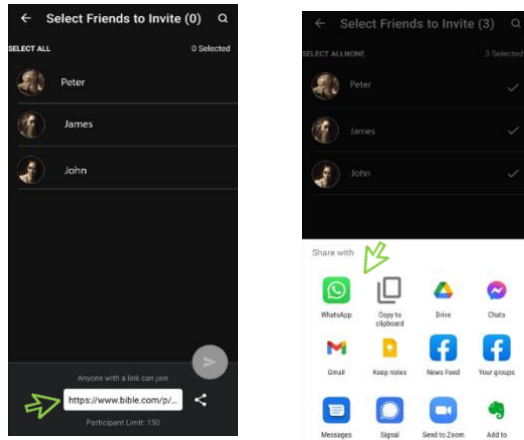
1. Click on 'Start Plan'.
2. Select 'With Friends'



3. Choose to start the plan on Sat, 1 Jan, 2023.
4. Invite friends who are already in your YouVersion contacts by selecting them in your app. Then, click on the arrow that lights up.



5. *Alternatively, invite friends by copying the link and sending it to them via a communication channel of your choice (e.g. WhatsApp).*



When forming your groups:

- Try to keep the group to not more than 5 so that different ones can feel more ownership in sharing and encouraging one another.
- For couples, consider joining your partner and enhance your spiritual conversations with each other. But do also include others in your group and grow together in community.

Ways to engage with God in the Bible

Submit to it!

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”
Hebrews 4:12

God lives in His word. His word has life and spirit. Commit yourselves to the reading of God’s Word but moreover **commit to submitting to it so that the Word begins to read you**. It is a different type of reading where the Word of God not just speaks to you on the cognitive level but it touches your heart and transforms you.

Open your devotional time with **asking the Holy Spirit** to tenderise your heart, illuminate the scriptures, and help you to understand.

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of Truth who goes out from the Father – He will testify about Me.” (John 15:26)

“...may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him... (Eph. 1:17)

Listen to it!

Faith comes by hearing and hearing from the word of God. If you’re someone who does not like to read at all then **start with listening** to the Bible! Use the audio option to listen to the day’s devotion and bible readings – we can play that in the YouVersion Bible app. You can even adjust the pace of reading to slow it down to allow truths to sink in...

Memorise it!

Storing God's word in your mind will allow the Holy Spirit to bring it up during a temptation or trial. During temptation you can be like Jesus who will say to the devil, "It is written." Memorizing the Scripture like this will help you to conquer sin (Psalm 119:11).

3 Key Questions

As we read the Scripture, we want to focus on knowing **who God is**. While we may learn principles about the Kingdom of God, **we also want to know a Person**. Through that, we can know **our true identity** as his beloved creation. It is not enough to read/study the Bible – we must **TALK** to God as we read/study.

Keeping a journal can be helpful for you to write out your thoughts and prayers to Him.

You search the Scriptures [Bible study], for in them you think you have...life; these are they which testify of Me. You are not willing to come to Me [talk to Me] that you may have life. (Jn. 5:39-40)

1. What does this say about You (Father God/ Jesus/ Holy Spirit)?

Highlight or write down the names of God, the descriptions, His emotions, what He does. *E.g. God created, which means He is a Creator and a creative God.*

2. What does this say about me/ humanity?

Ask God to speak to us about this and discover who we are in Him – this is our God-given identity. Embrace these truths by thanking Him. *E.g. Thank you Father for creating me with purpose and intent. I'm Your workmanship created to do good works. I'm Your creation designed with creativity.*

3. How then shall I respond?

Ask God to show and help us how to live out this truth in day-to-day life and obey His word. *E.g. Forgive me if I have hated myself because I know that hurts you. Help me to be rooted in my identity as Your beloved creation. I will learn to love myself and others because You created us with love and care.*

We're believing that many of us will encounter God and develop our relationship with Him; that we will embrace our identity in Him.

And that for those who already have a secure relationship with Father God, that He may take us deeper in Oneness with Him to follow Him in whole-hearted devotion.

Then our Christian-living will not be about a list of rules, but instead it will be a loving response to a God who transforms us from the inside out.

5 Steps of Pray-Reading the Word

If we have more devotional time, we may select a short passage (e.g., a portion that the Holy Spirit highlighted to us) to linger and meditate on the Word in a prayerful conversational response.

Here is an example of doing so with the steps of [Lectio Divina](#), an approach to pray-read the Word meditatively.

1. Preparation

Breathe slowly and deeply, focusing on God's presence with a simple line like *"God, I am here to be with You."*

If your thoughts wander, gently bring your attention back to God without self-condemnation.

As you quieten down, invite the Holy Spirit to open your eyes and ears to hear Him through the Word.

2. Lectio – slow, repetitious reading the Word

Read the scriptural text slowly and prayerfully. Reading it out vocally helps with attention. You may want to re-read the scripture two or three times to help your heart connect with the words.

Pause if any phrase or word jumps out at you. This leads you to Meditatio (the next step). If nothing seems to be highlighted, it is ok. Just read through

slowly to appreciate the meaning of the passage, and immerse yourself in the story, visualising the imagery and context that you are reading.

3. Meditatio – meditating on and applying the Word

Repeat any word or phrase that God highlights to you. Allow it to speak to you in a personal way by reflecting on what it means to you, and how it connects with your hopes, memories or desires.

Don't strive to get something out of the text. Allow God to lead your thoughts, even to other related bible passages. Begin to respond or converse with God, leading you to Oratio, the next step.

4. Oratio – talking to God about the Word

Remember that God's desire is to reveal Himself to you through the Word. As you talk with Him, have a natural conversation with one who sees you as His Beloved.

Pray and listen: share your thoughts in response to the Word, ask Him questions and pause to listen to His response in your heart. Trust that the thoughts or impressions that come to you are from Him.

Journal your conversation to help you keep track.

5. Contemplatio – resting in the presence of God

Sit still with God and rest in His presence. Receive His transforming embrace. Words are not necessary in this place of intimate communion.

Remember that contemplation is not your action but allowing God to act in you, to transform your heart to love and obey Him more wholeheartedly.

