

The Story of the Bible in 12 Lessons

I believe one of the most powerful verses in the Bible regarding impact of its importance in our lives is found in **Joshua 1:8-9**. “Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

In the next 12 weeks we will apply these elements to establish the power of God’s indispensable word to our lives.

- For word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. **Hebrews 4:12**
- You have been born again, not of perishable seed, imperishable through the living and enduring word of God. **1 Peter 1:23**
- Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who build his house on the rock. **Matt. 7:24**
- As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seeds for the Sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes from my mouth, it will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I send it. **Isaiah 55:10-11**.
- The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever. **Isaiah 40:8**

The Word of God will give godly influence and directly impact the formation of your character.

- You will experience and godly breakthrough in every area of your life
- You will discover divine intervention of the Holy Spirit in areas that defy natural explanation

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| Week 1 | The Story of Creation |
| Week 2 | Abraham: The Father of Blessing to All Nations |
| Week 3 | Exodus: The Pilgrimage of God's Chosen People |
| Week 4 | Judges: Leaders of God's people |
| Week 5 | United Monarchy |
| Week 6 | A Nation Divided |
| Week 7 | The Prophets |
| Week 8 | The Exile of God's People |
| Week 9 | The Building of the Second Temple |
| Week 10 | The Gospels of Jesus' Ministry |
| Week 11 | The Establishment of the Church |
| Week 12 | Jesus' Return |

The goal of this Bible survey is not to race through the Bible but rather we immerse ourselves into it on a daily basis and discover the faithfulness of God throughout the ages.

For those who would like to augment their study of the word of God I would suggest three resources.

1. How (Not) To Read the Bible - by Dan Kimball

This book will give you a historical and factual account of many scriptures in the Old and New Testament that have often been used to support doctrinal preferences of denominations with legalistic dogma that have divided believers into various camps and systems of belief based upon scriptures that were written to God's people to prevent them from becoming a part of the secular culture in which they were living.

One principle we should apply is that the Bible was written for us to gain wisdom and understanding for us to become the disciples and believers that will inherit and embrace the kingdom of God. Rightly dividing the word of truth can only be accomplished when we submit ourselves the Holy Spirit to discover the truth that result in freedom to love and serve God.

2. With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God - by Skye Jethani

This book covers:

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| 1. Life After Eden | 6. Life With God |
| 2. Life Under God | 7. Life With Faith |
| 3. Life Over God | 8. Life With Hope |
| 4. Life From God | 9. Life With Love |
| 5. Life For God | |

If you read this book with the desire to gain insight about your personal relationship with God, you will discover the beauty of His presence in every area of our life without the fear and condemnation of never being able to get it right.

I personally suggest that you read a chapter a week and take the time to digest the content and don't spare the pages from writing notes of your insight and discovery of things that really speak to your spirit.

3. The Jesus Story: A blending of the four Gospels - by White Horse Press

This Bible takes all four accounts of the life of Jesus that was recorded in the 4 gospels and blends them together into one story that includes the insight and perspective from each gospel as it was recorded by the writers. As a personal challenge to increase your knowledge of the gospels you might consider reading through it once a month for the next year. This equates to 10 pages a day in order to complete reading the book every 30 days. The insight and wisdom that you will gain about the life of Jesus and His teaching to His disciples is priceless.

This book can be difficult to find. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact the church as we have access to purchase some copies.

Finally, if you have any questions related to the 12-week series please feel free to submit them to the website and I will gladly respond via email in a timely manner.

I sincerely desire that we all would be strengthened in our faith in Jesus and the testimony of the word of God as it impacts our lives daily.

Blessings,

Pastor Richard