

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly '
Colossians 3:16

Our theme for Lent 2021 is **DWELL RICHLY**. Our prayer for the church family is that as we commit to dwelling in God's Word, his Word will dwell richly in us; and that by spending time with the Bible each day, our lives, our families and our Church will be **changed for the glory of God**.

Our aim is not only to **immerse ourselves** in scripture but also to **see more of the big picture** of the Bible's storyline and message. With 66 books, written over a period of nearly 2000 years by 40 authors in different styles and genres; it is not always obvious how the Bible fits together.

How can we begin to understand it as a whole?

This daily **reading plan*** is drawn from *The Bible Course* which will be offered online as our Lent course 2021. The readings take us on a journey through the whole Bible storyline in 42 days. The talks in Sunday services will support the reading journey, with teaching on one of the scriptures to be read that week. **Will you join us** by committing to read or listen to these scriptures each day? Here are a few suggestions to help you on the journey:

- PRAY before you start to read or listen - ask God to open your spiritual ears to hear his voice.
- READ each passage slowly, then consider the questions:
WHAT? What did this passage mean in its context?
NOW WHAT? What does this passage mean for my life today?
You might like to keep a journal, write down a key verse or phrase that stands out each day and ask God to help you live this truth today.
- Sample different Bible translations. Contemporary versions (such as The Passion Translation, the New Living Translation, The Message) can give a whole different angle on the text. You can access different translations online via sites such as www.biblegateway.com
- Experiment with listening to the passage instead of reading. You can listen online at www.biblegateway.com or one of the many Bible apps available.
- Most important, don't give up! We are doing this as a church family, so if you fall behind don't worry, just pick up again and keep going. We can do this - and we will be changed if we do!

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DWELL RICHLY

SEE THE **BIG** PICTURE

BE **CHANGED** BY THE **WORD**

Reading plan LENT 2021

Week 1 - Creation and Covenant

DAY

- 1 **Genesis 1.1-31**
Creation, beauty and humanity - the origins of everything
- 2 **Genesis 3.1-24**
Temptation, the fall and evil - where it all went wrong
- 3 **Genesis 8.1-22 and 9.1-17**
The flood, the ark and the rainbow - time for a new start
- 4 **Genesis 11.1-9 and 12.1-9**
The tower, the promise and Abraham - God's got a plan
- 5 **Genesis 22.1-19**
Isaac, the sacrifice and the substitute - a big test of faith
- 6 **Genesis 37.1-36**
Joseph, the coat and the dreams - down to Egypt

Week 2 - Exodus & Promised Land

DAY

- 1 **Exodus 1.2-22 and 2.1-10**
Egypt and slavery- God's people in trouble
- 2 **Exodus 2.11-25 and Exodus 3.1-15**
Wilderness, the bush and the name - the call of Moses.
- 3 **Exodus 12.1-50**
Final plague, Passover and exodus - the way of freedom
- 4 **Exodus 19.1-25**
Mountain and covenant - God meets his people
- 5 **Exodus 20.1-21**
Commandments and lightning - God lays down the law
- 6 **Numbers 13.1-33 and 14.1-9**
Grapes, giants, decisions - brink of the Promised Land

Week 3 - Judges and Kings

DAY

- 1 **Joshua 1.1-18**
Joshua, the call and the promise - be strong and courageous
- 2 **Judges 2.1-23**
The Judges, the cycles and the warning - Israel stuck in a loop
- 3 **Ruth 1.1-22 and 4.13-22**
Ruth, Boaz and Bethlehem - there is a redeemer
- 4 **1 Samuel 3.1-21**
Samuel, the voice and the vision - hear the word of the Lord
- 5 **1 Samuel 17.1-58**
David, the giant and the stones - God's servant brings victory.
- 6 **1 Kings 3.1-28**
The king, the dream and the baby - the wisdom of Solomon

Week 4 - Exile and Prophets

DAY

- 1 **1 Kings 18.1-39**
Elijah, King Ahab and the fire - it's decision time
- 2 **Hosea 1.1-11 and 3.1-5**
The prophet, adultery and reunion - the faithfulness of God
- 3 **2 Chronicles 29.1-11 and 32.1-23**
Hezekiah, Isaiah and the siege - God delivers his people
- 4 **2 Chronicles 36.1-23 & Psalm 137.1-9**
Defeat, exile and Babylon - when darkness falls
- 5 **Isaiah 52.1-15 and 53.1-12**
The Servant, suffering and hope - the Messiah is coming
- 6 **Nehemiah 1.1-11 and 2.1-20**
Return, rebuild and wait - the best is yet to come

Week 5 - Jesus and the Gospels

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- 1 **Luke 1.1-56**
Angels, a virgin and a song - the coming of Jesus
- 2 **Luke 4:1-44**
Temptation, healing and preaching - the ministry of Jesus
- 3 **Luke 9.1-36**
Calling, confession and transfiguration - the identity of Jesus

Week 5 cont. - Jesus and the Gospels

- 4 **Luke 18.1-43**
Parables, miracles and the cost - the call of Jesus
- 5 **Luke 23.1-56**
The trial, the cross and the tomb - the death of Jesus
- 6 **Luke 24.1-52**
Resurrection and ascension - the victory of Jesus

Week 6 - Acts and the Church

DAY

- 1 **Acts 2.1-47**
The fire, the tongues and a new community - Pentecost
- 2 **Acts 7.1-60**
Stephen, the speech and the stoning - persecution
- 3 **Acts 9.1-31**
Paul, conversion and calling - Damascus road experience
- 4 **Acts 15.1-35**
Controversy, the council and the conclusion - simply grace
- 5 **Acts 16.1-40**
Philippi, Lydia and a jailer - church planting in Greece
- 6 **Acts 28.1-31**
The viper, the gospel and Rome - ends of the earth

Week 7 - Revelation and Review

DAY

- 1 **Revelation 1.1-20**
John, the Alpha and Omega - a vision of Jesus Christ
- 2 **Revelation 3.1-22**
Trials, commendation and challenge - a vision of the church
- 3 **Revelation 4.1-11**
The door, the elders and the throne - a vision of heaven
- 4 **Revelation 7.1-17**
Tribes, the throne and the lamb - a vision of God's people
- 5 **Revelation 20.11-15 and 21.1-27**
Judgment, the city and the glory - a vision of new creation
- 6 **Revelation 22.1-21**
The river, the tree and the LORD - a vision of the end.