

TOGETHER in the WORD

A YEAR-LONG JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE



**People connecting
people to Christ and
their unique role in
God's mission.**

LETTER FROM JEREMY

One of the things I love most about our church is that we aren't just trying to attend church together—we're striving to follow Jesus together.

That's why I'm excited about what we're launching this fall.

Beginning the week of September 6, our church family will begin a 48-week journey through the New Testament called Together in the Word. Each week, we'll read the same passages, hear sermons from those passages, and allow God to shape us through His Word together.

Why? Because God's Word changes us. It encourages us, corrects us, gives us wisdom, and reveals who God is and how He calls us to live. If we want to become the disciples Jesus calls us to be, we must regularly spend time with Him in His Word.

Most weeks include five short readings that take just a few minutes each day. Whether you're new to the Bible or have been reading it for years, this journey is for you. Our weekend messages will also come from the weekly readings, helping us grow together around the same truths.

This booklet also introduces the H.E.A.R. Journaling Method—a simple way to move beyond reading Scripture to applying it in everyday life.

Don't let perfection keep you from participation. If you fall behind, simply jump back in where we are. This isn't about finishing a reading plan—it's about being transformed by God's Word.

My prayer is that God will use these next 48 weeks to deepen our faith, strengthen our families, and unite our church as we grow together in His Word.

Let's be Together in the Word.

Jeremy Smith
Lead Pastor

H.E.A.R. JOURNALING METHOD

The acronym H.E.A.R. stands for Highlight, Explain, Apply, and Respond.

The method developed by Robby Gallaty and Replicate Ministries helps create an environment for us to hear God speak into our life. God does not want us to sit back and passively wait for Him to drop truth into our laps. Instead, God desires that we actively pursue Him. Jesus said, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” (Matthew 7:7 NIV).

Before reading a passage each day, pause to sincerely ask God to speak to you. It may not seem like a big deal, but it is extremely important to seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance in order to understand God’s Word (1 Corinthians 2:12–14 NIV). Every time we open our Bibles, we should pray the simple prayer that David prayed: “Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.” (Psalm 119:18 NIV).

HIGHLIGHT

After reading the passage of Scripture, highlight the verses that speak to you by copying them into your journal.

Then circle, highlight, or underline keywords or concepts in those verses.

EXPLAIN

At this stage you will engage the text and wrestle with its meaning. By asking some simple questions and prayerfully leaning on the help of the Holy Spirit, you can understand the meaning of a passage or verse.

Here are a few questions to get you started:

- ▶ To whom was it originally written?
- ▶ Why was it written?
- ▶ How does it fit with the verses before and after it?
- ▶ What is God intending to communicate within this text?
- ▶ What does this passage say about who God, or humanity, is?

APPLY

Application is a key step of the process. Everything culminates under this heading. As you have done before, ask a series of questions to uncover the significance of these verses to you personally.

Questions like:

- ▶ What does this mean today?
- ▶ What is God saying to you personally?
- ▶ How can you apply this message to your life?

RESPOND

Your response to the passage may take on many forms. You may write a call to action, describe how you will be different because of how God has spoken to you, indicate what you are going to do because of what you have learned, or write a prayer. For example, you may ask God to help you to be more loving, or to give you a desire to be more generous in your giving. Keep in mind that this is your response to what you have read.

Use a H.E.A.R. journal as you follow along with this reading plan in a book or journal of your choosing.

SAMPLE H.E.A.R. JOURNAL

PASSAGE

Philippians 4

DATE

January 10th

HIGHLIGHT

"I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

EXPLAIN

Paul was telling the church at Philippi that he has discovered the secret of contentment. No matter the situation in Paul's life, he realized that Christ was all he needed, and Christ was the one who strengthened him to persevere through difficult times.

APPLY

In my life, I will experience many ups and downs. My contentment is not found in circumstances. Rather, it is based on my relationship with Jesus Christ. Only Jesus gives me the strength I need to be content in every circumstance of life.

RESPOND

Lord Jesus, please help me as I strive to be content in you. Through your strength, I can make it through and situation I face.

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48-WEEK NEW TESTAMENT READING PLAN

Prior to each sermon date, we encourage you to complete the five weekly readings in your time with the Lord.

WEEK	SERMON DATE	READINGS
1	September 6	☐ Matthew 1 ☐ Matthew 2 ☐ Matthew 3 ☐ Matthew 4 ☐ Matthew 5
2	September 13	☐ Matthew 6 ☐ Matthew 7 ☐ Matthew 8 ☐ Matthew 9 ☐ Matthew 10
3	September 20	☐ Matthew 11 ☐ Matthew 12 ☐ Matthew 13 ☐ Matthew 14 ☐ Matthew 15-16
4	September 27	☐ Matthew 17 ☐ Matthew 18 ☐ Matthew 19 ☐ Matthew 20 ☐ Matthew 21-22
5	October 4	☐ Matthew 23 ☐ Matthew 24 ☐ Matthew 25 ☐ Matthew 26 ☐ Matthew 27-28
6	October 11	☐ Romans 1 ☐ Romans 2 ☐ Romans 3 ☐ Romans 4 ☐ Romans 5

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7	October 18	☐ Romans 6 ☐ Romans 7 ☐ Romans 8 ☐ Romans 9 ☐ Romans 10
8	October 25	☐ Romans 11 ☐ Romans 12 ☐ Romans 13 ☐ Romans 14 ☐ Romans 15-16
9	November 1	☐ Galatians 1 ☐ Galatians 2 ☐ Galatians 3 ☐ Galatians 4 ☐ Galatians 5-6
10	November 8	☐ Ephesians 1 ☐ Ephesians 2 ☐ Ephesians 3 ☐ Ephesians 4 ☐ Ephesians 5-6
11	November 15	☐ Philippians 1 ☐ Philippians 2 ☐ Philippians 3 ☐ Philippians 4 ☐ Reflect on Psalm 34
12	November 22	☐ Colossians 1 ☐ Colossians 2 ☐ Colossians 3 ☐ Colossians 4 ☐ Reflect on Psalm 1
13	November 29	☐ Luke 1 ☐ Luke 2 ☐ Luke 3 ☐ Luke 4 ☐ Luke 5-6
14	December 6	☐ Luke 7 ☐ Luke 8 ☐ Luke 9 ☐ Luke 10 ☐ Luke 11-12
15	December 13	☐ Luke 13 ☐ Luke 14 ☐ Luke 15 ☐ Luke 16 ☐ Luke 17-18

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16	December 20	☐ Luke 19 ☐ Luke 20 ☐ Luke 21 ☐ Luke 22 ☐ Luke 23-24
17	December 27 <i>(online only)</i>	☐ Jude ☐ Titus 1 ☐ Titus 2 ☐ Titus 3 ☐ Philemon
18	January 3	☐ 1 John 1 ☐ 1 John 2 ☐ 1 John 3 ☐ 1 John 4-5 ☐ 2 John & 3 John
19	January 10	☐ Acts 1 ☐ Acts 2 ☐ Acts 3 ☐ Acts 4 ☐ Acts 5
20	January 17	☐ Acts 6 ☐ Acts 7 ☐ Acts 8 ☐ Acts 9 ☐ Acts 10
21	January 24	☐ Acts 11 ☐ Acts 12 ☐ Acts 13 ☐ Acts 14 ☐ Acts 15
22	January 31	☐ Acts 16 ☐ Acts 17 ☐ Acts 18 ☐ Acts 19 ☐ Acts 20
23	February 7	☐ Acts 21 ☐ Acts 22 ☐ Acts 23 ☐ Acts 24 ☐ Acts 25
24	February 14	☐ Acts 26 ☐ Acts 27 ☐ Acts 28 ☐ 1 Thessalonians 1 ☐ 1 Thessalonians 2

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25	February 21	☐ 1 Thessalonians 3 ☐ 1 Thessalonians 4 ☐ 1 Thessalonians 5 ☐ 2 Thessalonians 1 ☐ 2 Thessalonians 2-3
26	February 28	☐ 1 Timothy 1 ☐ 1 Timothy 2 ☐ 1 Timothy 3 ☐ 1 Timothy 4 ☐ 1 Timothy 5-6
27	March 7	☐ 2 Timothy 1 ☐ 2 Timothy 2 ☐ 2 Timothy 3 ☐ 2 Timothy 4 ☐ Reflect on Psalm 119
28	March 14	☐ Mark 1 ☐ Mark 2 ☐ Mark 3 ☐ Mark 4 ☐ Mark 5
29	March 21	☐ Mark 6 ☐ Mark 7 ☐ Mark 8 ☐ Mark 9 ☐ Mark 10
30	March 28	☐ Mark 11 ☐ Mark 12 ☐ Mark 13 ☐ Mark 14 ☐ Mark 15-16
31	April 4	☐ Revelation 1 ☐ Revelation 2 ☐ Revelation 3 ☐ Revelation 4 ☐ Revelation 5
32	April 11	☐ Revelation 6 ☐ Revelation 7 ☐ Revelation 8 ☐ Revelation 9 ☐ Revelation 10-11
33	April 18	☐ Revelation 12 ☐ Revelation 13 ☐ Revelation 14 ☐ Revelation 15 ☐ Revelation 16

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34	April 25	☐ Revelation 17 ☐ Revelation 18 ☐ Revelation 19 ☐ Revelation 20 ☐ Revelation 21-22
35	May 2	☐ 1 Corinthians 1 ☐ 1 Corinthians 2 ☐ 1 Corinthians 3-4 ☐ 1 Corinthians 5-6 ☐ 1 Corinthians 7
36	May 9	☐ 1 Corinthians 8 ☐ 1 Corinthians 9 ☐ 1 Corinthians 10 ☐ 1 Corinthians 11-12 ☐ 1 Corinthians 13-14
37	May 16	☐ 1 Corinthians 15 ☐ 1 Corinthians 16 ☐ 2 Corinthians 1 ☐ 2 Corinthians 2 ☐ 2 Corinthians 3
38	May 23	☐ 2 Corinthians 4 ☐ 2 Corinthians 5 ☐ 2 Corinthians 6 ☐ 2 Corinthians 7 ☐ 2 Corinthians 8
39	May 30	☐ 2 Corinthians 9 ☐ 2 Corinthians 10 ☐ 2 Corinthians 11 ☐ 2 Corinthians 12 ☐ 2 Corinthians 13
40	June 6	☐ Hebrews 1 ☐ Hebrews 2 ☐ Hebrews 3 ☐ Hebrews 4 ☐ Hebrews 5-6
41	June 13	☐ Hebrews 7 ☐ Hebrews 8 ☐ Hebrews 9-10 ☐ Hebrews 11 ☐ Hebrews 12-13
42	June 20	☐ James 1 ☐ James 2 ☐ James 3 ☐ James 4 ☐ James 5

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43	June 27	☐ 1 Peter 1 ☐ 1 Peter 2 ☐ 1 Peter 3 ☐ 1 Peter 4 ☐ 1 Peter 5
44	July 4	☐ 2 Peter 1 ☐ 2 Peter 2 ☐ 2 Peter 3 ☐ Reflect on Psalm 15 ☐ Reflect on Psalm 19
45	July 11	☐ John 1 ☐ John 2 ☐ John 3 ☐ John 4 ☐ John 5
46	July 18	☐ John 6 ☐ John 7 ☐ John 8 ☐ John 9 ☐ John 10
47	July 25	☐ John 11 ☐ John 12 ☐ John 13 ☐ John 14 ☐ John 15
48	August 1	☐ John 16 ☐ John 17 ☐ John 18 ☐ John 19 ☐ John 20-21

Additional Resources



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