

# FAITH BIBLE READING

Aug 26 – Sep 1, 2019

At Faith Baptist Fellowship, we *Love God's Word and Prayer* (Ephesians 6:17-18)! Take the 'sword of the Spirit' (God's Word) and persevere in prayer! In this year, ask God each day to speak directly to you from the Scripture portions you read. Select a quiet place and consistent time to read and pray.

Our plan for 2019 will be similar to previous years. Monday-Saturday we will focus on one main devotional passage; the additional readings will keep you on track to finish the entire Bible in one year. On Sunday, we will have a passage from the upcoming Sunday sermon along with questions for Faith Group discussion.

*We suggest having a notebook and pen for answering questions and recording your thoughts/insights. Bring this notebook with you to Faith Group for discussions and prayer times.*

Abbreviations: **TAI** – Think About It | **PP** – Prayer Points

## MONDAY, AUGUST 26

### Read Proverbs 16:17-33

**TAI:** The wise and the foolish, the humble and the proud, the honest and the dishonest. Many of the proverbs in this section compare these six characteristics. Why should we desire wisdom, humility and honesty? Why are they better than their counterparts?

**PP:** The first proverb I remember from childhood, from the King James, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before the fall." Can you remember a time where this was true in your life? Is there anywhere in your life today that you struggle with pride? Write them down in your notebook if you have one. Whenever we sin, pride is usually nearby. Confess the sin of pride in specific examples to God and ask for His forgiveness. It is His delight to forgive us our sins.

**Additional readings:** Luke 20:1-8; Titus 3:9-15; Esther 5-6

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

### Read Proverbs 17:1-14

**TAI:** Go through these 14 verses and count the ones that deal with the tongue/speech. Write down the ones that stand out to you. What are some of the concrete analogies Solomon uses to describe deeper truths?

**PP:** Throughout Scripture we are commanded that our speech should always be godly and never foolish. What are some ways that we can pray for our speech and the taming of our tongue? Write them down and pray them back to God.

**Additional readings:** Luke 20:9-19; Philemon 1-11; Esther 7-8

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

### Read Proverbs 17:15-28

**TAI:** What does it mean to be an abomination to the Lord? Why is justifying the wicked and condemning the righteous something that warrants language like this? Another comparison: sorrow and joy. Each has their place in life and both are appropriate at times. Can you remember a time when you felt as though your bones were dry with sorrow? Is there anyone that comes to mind when you think of a joyful heart? What are some things in your life where God has brought you joy?

**PP:** Write down or just think about the times of sorrow in your life and do the same for joy. Do you praise him either way? Can you thank him for his sovereignty in the midst of tragedy and worship Him in the times of joy?

**Additional Readings:** Luke 20:20-26; Philemon 12-25; Esther 9-10

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

### Read Isaiah 1-2

**TAI:** In your notebooks, go through these two chapters and write down five words that you think best describe the texts. Now skim back through and write down any phrases or words that seem to stand out or get repeated by Isaiah.

**PP:** How do these passages shape your view of God? Why does He promise destruction and who does he promise destruction to? Does this fit with the gospel? Reread Isaiah 1:18-19. In the midst of destruction and desolation there is hope. What is this hope and how can you pray about it? In your prayer, ask Him for wisdom to view Him rightly and to let the Scriptures shape how we should view Him.

**Additional Readings:** Luke 20:27-40; Hebrews 1:1-9; Proverbs 18

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

### Read Isaiah 3-4

**TAI:** Reread 3:8. Describe in your own words what “defying His glorious presence” means. How do you feel about the wicked bringing evil on themselves? And for the righteous it will be well with them?

**PP:** Again, we see hope given in chapter 4. What is the branch of the Lord? When the Lord says something is beautiful and glorious what comes to mind? Dwell on the glory of God. What is the glory of God? Write down some of your thoughts and see if you can turn that into prayer.

**Additional Readings:** Luke 20:41-47; Hebrews 1:10-14; Proverbs 19:1-14

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

### Read Isaiah 5

**TAI:** Verses 1-2 we might say could be viewed similar to a New Testament parable. Verse 7 indicates that the vineyard is the house of Israel. What are your thoughts on what God does to Israel in regard to verses 3-7? Read verse 16.

**PP:** Ponder the justice of God for a few moments. Define what justice is. Are you at peace with what the Bible teaches on the justice of God? Why or why not? If you're not at peace be sure to ask a pastor or elder about this and get their thoughts. Final thought: How does God's justice affect a nonbeliever today? What are some prayer implications from that question and how should we pray for non-believers?

**Additional Readings:** None

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Our desire here at Faith is to build a family of Christ-like believers who are proclaiming a cross-centered gospel and living cross-centered lives. To reach that goal, we have identified **5 Loves** to keep us focused. The last 5 Sundays messages were focused on these **5 Loves**.

**Love God** - - - Mark 12:30

**Love God's Word and Prayer** - - - Ephesians 6:17-18

**Love One Another** - - - John 13:34-35

**Love Our Neighbors** - - - Galatians 5:14

**Love the Gospel** - - - Romans 1:16