



# Lenten Bible Reading Plan

PORTLAND CHRISTIAN CENTER

It is a Christian tradition during the 40 days of Lent to intentionally set aside time for daily Scripture reading and reflection. This year<sup>1</sup>, we will focus on reading the Gospel of John together.

As you read, you are encouraged to use the SOAP Method<sup>2</sup> for keeping a spiritual journal:

## Scripture

Read the Bible passage for the day. Copy the verse that catches your attention into your journal.

## Observation

Write a brief description of what is going on in the passage you read.

## Application

Write about how your life will be different today because of what you have read.

- Lessons to be learned
- Examples to be followed or avoided
- Promises to be claimed and enjoyed
- Character trait of God revealed

## Prayer

Write out a prayer for yourself and others based on what you read today.

There is an action provided for each assigned reading. That action is designed to help bring the scripture to life. While everyone is encouraged to participate, performing the action may be especially helpful for children in your family or class.

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<sup>1</sup>Lent 2015 is February 18 - April 4 (excluding Sundays)

<sup>2</sup>Adapted from New Hope Christian Fellowship, Hawaii

# BIBLE READING PLAN

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☐ **Wednesday, February 18 | John 1:1-28**

Mark your daily readings in your calendar as appointments with Jesus.

☐ **Thursday, February 19 | John 1:29-51**

Invite friends and family to one or more of the upcoming church Holy Week events.

☐ **Friday, February 20 | John 2:1-25**

Pray that the presence and glory of the Lord would be revealed in our church.

☐ **Saturday, February 21 | John 3:1-21**

Pray for spiritual seekers at PCC to would find the truth and light of Jesus Christ.

☐ **Monday, February 23 | John 3:22-36**

What must become less in your life so that Jesus may become greater?

☐ **Tuesday, February 24 | John 4:1-42**

Have a spiritual conversation with a person to whom you would not normally speak.

☐ **Wednesday, February 25 | John 4:43-54**

Pray for all who are ill and their love ones, that they would experience Christ's healing power.

☐ **Thursday, February 26 | John 5:1-15**

Pray for people you know to be ready and willing to encounter Christ's healing power.

☐ **Friday, February 27 | John 5:16-47**

Make a list of the places and situations where you see the Father "at work." Then join Him?

☐ **Saturday, February 28 | John 6:1-21**

Make a meal or snack and share it with others.

☐ **Monday, March 2 | John 6:22-59**

If you are medically able, eat nothing but bread and water for breakfast and lunch.

☐ **Tuesday, March 3 | John 6:60-71**

Pray for persons who have walked away from faith in Jesus Christ.

☐ **Wednesday, March 4 | John 7:1-31**

Practice looking at people as someone loved by God, someone Jesus died for. Pray for them.

☐ **Thursday, March 5 | John 7:32-52**

Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit; that streams of living water will flow within you.

☐ **Friday, March 6 | John 8:1-30**

Light a candle in a darkened room. Reflect on Jesus, the Light of the World.

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☐ **Saturday, March 7 | John 8:31-59**

Look at family pictures. Who do you resemble? How do you resemble your Heavenly Father?

☐ **Monday, March 9 | John 9:1-41**

"I once was blind, but now I see." Write a one sentence testimony of your life before and after meeting Jesus. Email it to a friend.

☐ **Tuesday, March 10 | John 10:1-21**

Spend thirty minutes in complete silence (no phones, computer, music, TV, etc). Listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd.

☐ **Wednesday, March 11 | John 10:22-42**

"I give them eternal life...No one can snatch them from me." Reflect on your security in Jesus.

☐ **Thursday, March 12 | John 11:1-16**

Reflect on how God's timing is often different than yours. Confess your impatience.

☐ **Friday, March 13 | John 11:17-57**

Pray for those who are grieving, that they would trust in Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life.

☐ **Saturday, March 14 | John 12:1-19**

Offer your most prized possession to Jesus for his glory. Be ready for God to use it in a real way.

☐ **Monday, March 16 | John 12:20-50**

"Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed." Where do you need to die to self so you can live for God.

☐ **Tuesday, March 17 | John 13:1-20**

What needs to be cleansed in your life in order for you to better reflect Christ's servant heart?

☐ **Wednesday, March 18 | John 13:21-38**

Judas placed money above Jesus. What material possession are you putting before Jesus?

☐ **Thursday, March 19 | John 14:1-14**

Look at a map of your city, then pray that people will find Jesus—the Way, the Truth and the Life.

☐ **Friday, March 20 | John 14:15-31**

Put a string around your wrist as a reminder that the Spirit lives within as Guide and Counselor.

- ❑ **Saturday, March 21 | John 15:1-17**  
Memorize verse 5: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
- ❑ **Monday, March 23 | John 15:18-27**  
Write out a personal prayer of gratitude for Christ's sacrificial death.
- ❑ **Tuesday, March 24 | John 16:1-15**  
Ask the Spirit to stir your non-Christian friends and family to attend Easter service with you.
- ❑ **Wednesday, March 25 | John 16:16-33**  
Write a short testimony of a time when God turned your grief into joy. Drop it by the church office or send it by e-mail.
- ❑ **Thursday, March 26 | John 17:1-26**  
Say a special prayer today for the unity of God's family all over the world—and in your church!
- ❑ **Friday, March 27 | John 18:1-27**  
Claim Christ in a public way today. Share your testimony with someone or wear something that clearly identifies you as a Christ-follower.
- ❑ **Saturday, March 28 | John 18:28-40**  
Following Christ means to be of another kingdom in another world. What does that mean to you?
- ❑ **Monday, March 30 | John 19:1-30**  
Write out a note of thanks to Jesus for his sacrificial death for you.
- ❑ **Tuesday, March 31 | John 19:31-42**  
Smell the different spices in your kitchen. As you smell them, reflect on Jesus' burial.
- ❑ **Wednesday, April 1 | John 20:1-18**  
When Jesus rose the grave clothes were left behind. Reflect on Jesus' bodily resurrection as you fold your clothes.
- ❑ **Thursday, April 2 | John 20:19-30**  
Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, "receive the Holy Spirit." Ask the Spirit to fill you again.
- ❑ **Friday, April 3 | John 21:1-14**  
Where do you need Christ's resurrection presence in your life? Invite Him there!
- ❑ **Saturday, April 4 | John 21:15-25**  
Jesus said to Peter, "Feed my lambs." Where and how can you bless the flock of God.