



SUMMER 2026 READING PLAN



Summer in the Word

8-Week Student Ministry Reading Plan ; June – July · 5 days per week

SOAP Method

S - Scripture (Read your chapter for the day)

O - Observe (Write in your journal what verses stood out, What is happening? What do you learn about God?)

A - Apply (How does this change my life **today**? Attitude to change? Action to take? Sin to avoid?)

P - Pray (Write your prayer/take a walk to pray/set a timer and don't stop praying til it goes off) Thank Him for blessings, Repent of sin, Ask for help, Be honest with Him!

Week	Theme	Passages
Week 1	Who is Jesus?	Mark 1–8
Week 2	The Sermon on the Mount	Matthew 5–7
Week 3	Honest with God	Psalms
Week 4	Grace and the Gospel	Romans 3–8
Week 5	Faithful in Hard Times	Genesis 37–50
Week 6	The Holy Spirit	John 14–16 & Acts 1–2
Week 7	Community and the Church	1 Corinthians 12–13 & Ephesians 4
Week 8	Hope and What's Ahead	Revelation 21–22 & John 17

WEEK 1 – Who is Jesus?

Mark 1–8 · The Identity of Christ

DAY 1 Mark 1:1–20 — The beginning of the gospel

DAY 2 Mark 2:1–17 — Jesus heals and forgives

DAY 3 Mark 4:35–41 — Jesus calms the storm

DAY 4 Mark 6:30–44 — Feeding the five thousand

DAY 5 Mark 8:27–38 — Who do you say I am?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Share one thing that challenged you in this week's reading with a friend or family member!

WEEK 2 — The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5–7 · Kingdom Living

DAY 1 Matthew 5:1–16 — The Beatitudes

DAY 2 Matthew 5:17–48 — A higher standard

DAY 3 Matthew 6:1–18 — Giving, prayer, and fasting

DAY 4 Matthew 6:19–34 — Don't worry

DAY 5 Matthew 7:1–29 — Judge not; ask and seek

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Memorize Matthew 6:33 and share it with someone this week.

WEEK 3 — Honest with God

Psalms · Prayer and Lament

DAY 1 Psalm 22 — My God, why have you forsaken me?

DAY 2 Psalm 23 — The Lord is my shepherd

DAY 3 Psalm 51 — A prayer of repentance

DAY 4 Psalm 73 — When life seems unfair

DAY 5 Psalm 139 — You have searched me and known me

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Write your own psalm! Then share it with someone.

WEEK 4 — Grace and the Gospel

Romans 3–8 · How We Are Saved

DAY 1 Romans 3:9–26 — All have sinned

DAY 2 Romans 4:1–25 — Faith like Abraham

DAY 3 Romans 5:1–21 — Peace with God

DAY 4 Romans 6:1–23 — Dead to sin, alive in Christ

DAY 5 Romans 8:1–39 — No condemnation

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Memorize Romans 8:1

WEEK 5 — Faithful in Hard Times

Genesis 37–50 · The Story of Joseph

DAY 1 Genesis 37 – Joseph sold into slavery

DAY 2 Genesis 39–40 — Falsely accused, still faithful

DAY 3 Genesis 41 — From prison to palace

DAY 4 Genesis 45 — Joseph reveals himself

DAY 5 Genesis 50 — What the enemy meant for evil, God meant for good

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Think of a hard season in your life. Write down one way you can now see God at work in it.

WEEK 6 — The Holy Spirit

John 14–16 & Acts 1–2 · Power and Presence

DAY 1 John 14:15–31 – Jesus promises the Spirit

DAY 2 John 15:1–17 – Abide in the vine

DAY 3 John 16:5–16 — The Spirit guides into truth

DAY 4 Acts 1:1–11 — You will receive power

DAY 5 Acts 2:1–47 — Pentecost

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Each morning this week, say a one-sentence prayer asking the Holy Spirit to guide your day.

WEEK 7 — Community and the Church

1 Corinthians 12–13 & Ephesians 4 · Life Together

DAY 1 Acts 2:42–47 — The early church

DAY 2 1 Corinthians 12:1–26 — One body, many parts

DAY 3 1 Corinthians 13 — True love

DAY 4 Ephesians 4:1–16 — Unity in the body

DAY 5 Hebrews 10:19–25 — Don't give up meeting together

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Do something kind for another person this week.

WEEK 8 – Hope and What's Ahead

Revelation 21–22 & John 17 · Eternity

DAY 1 John 17 — Jesus prays for you

DAY 2 Romans 15:1–13 — The God of hope

DAY 3 Philippians 4:4–13 – Content in all circumstances

DAY 4 Revelation 21:1–8 — A new heaven and earth

DAY 5 Revelation 22:1–21 — Come, Lord Jesus

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Write down one way your faith grew this summer and share it with your grow group on Sunday.