

2023

**BELMONT CHURCH**  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
**READING**  
**MEMORIZATION**  
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**JOURNALING PLAN**



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**SESSION ONE**

## BELMONT 2023 READING PLAN OVERVIEW

We are excited that you are walking through the Bible with us this year.

**At Belmont, we are committed to being anchored in the Word and led by the Spirit.**

**Our goal is love and joy as promised by Jesus in John 15:9-11 - As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. *Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.***

**This is our hope in learning to abide in His love:**

1. We want to invest in **reading** the whole context of the Bible
2. We want to **memorize** scripture so we can apply it to our life situations.
3. We want to **reflect** on scripture so we can pray and abide.
4. We want to **journal** what the Lord is saying.
5. We want to summarize the week in a **magnificat** by combining verses.

**Here is how this reading plan is organized:**

- We will have **eight sessions** of our reading plan laid out in approximately 40-day sections (give or take a few days or a week).
- Each week will include **five days of reading** that will last seven weeks.
- Each week will **focus on a theme** that will include Old and New Testament readings with key verses to reflect on and a passage to memorize as a church.

## BIBLE STUDY READING PLAN

The sessions are broken up into eight segments :

1. Jan 2 - Feb 21 - In the Beginning - An overview of the Old Testament
2. Feb 22-April 7 - Knowing God - The Life of Jesus in the gospels
3. April 10 - May 28 - From Easter to Pentecost - The study of Acts and connected letters
4. May 29 - July 16 - From Pentecost into Summer - Poetry and Parables
5. July 17 - Sept 3 - From Summer to Labor Day - Old Stories and New Beginnings
6. Sept 4 - Oct 22 - From Labor Day to Fall - Harvest Moments
7. Oct 23 - Dec 2 - From Fall to Advent - Bad times, good times, and End times
8. Dec 3- Dec 31 - Advent to The New year - Prophecy and Poetry

If you complete all eight sessions, you will have read most of the Bible. Each week will have bonus readings, if read, will help you read the entire Bible.

## REFLECTION & PRAYER

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Each week will include a reading, verses to pray through, and a reflection that will provide further context to the week's theme.

We encourage you to pray through each passage, personalizing the truths and asking God to empower you to live out these words.

Praying the Bible is one of the most powerful ways to pray.



## MEMORIZE

Finished

Each week, we will highlight one passage to memorize for the week that will connect to the theme and provide encouragement.

## LISTEN & OBEY

We have provided a lined journal for you to capture your thoughts and answers to the questions below:

How is God speaking to you?

Where do you need to obey?

## JOURNAL & PROCESS

Take time to journal each day of any thoughts on the scriptures or how Jesus speaks to you. Journaling allows thoughts to become words and is a powerful way to discover and hear from God.

## WRITE A MAGNIFICAT

We encourage you to put together a "magnificat" of verses together at the end of each week.

# BELMONT 2023 READING PLAN

## SESSION 1: WEEK 1 - GOD IS THE CREATOR

<b>BIBLE STUDY READING PLAN</b>	<b>FINISHED</b>
<p><i>NOTE: If you are reading online, each reference is hyperlinked so you can read it on line.</i></p> <p>Genesis 1-2 - The beginning of Creation</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>John 1 - Jesus, the Creator</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Colossians 1 - Jesus, the Sustainer of Creation</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Revelations 21-22 - The New Creation</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Psalms 8, 139 - You are His Creation</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REFLECTION &amp; PRAYER</b>	<b>FINISHED</b>
<p>Psalm 139:1-4 - Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Psalm 8:3-4 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Hebrews 11:3 - By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>MEMORIZE</b>	<b>Finished</b>
<p>Colossians 1:16-18 - For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## LISTEN & OBEY

This week we are reading about Creation, which is the foundation of our faith and the source of our identity. Creation exists to glorify God. Everything begins with this foundational truth. We encourage you this week to reflect on the Glory of God by memorizing Psalm 139.1-4 and thinking about this verse throughout the day.

How is God speaking to you?

Where do you need to obey?

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## BELMONT 2023 READING PLAN

### SESSION 1: WEEK 2 - GOD IS HOLY

BIBLE STUDY READING PLAN	FINISHED
Genesis 3-4 - The Fall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genesis 6-8 - The Flood	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genesis 10-11 - The Tower of Babel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Romans 1-3, 8 - All have Sinned	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 John 1-2 - We can be Forgiven	<input type="checkbox"/>
REFLECTION & PRAYER	FINISHED
Romans 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God	<input type="checkbox"/>
Galatians 5:19-21 - Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark 7:20-23 - And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
MEMORIZE	Finished
Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.	

## LISTEN & OBEY

This week we will be spending a week fasting and praying. The scriptures this week will be examining the origin and practice of sin in the Bible. As you focus this week on sin, confession, and repentance, I encourage you to reflect and remember the price that Christ paid for your sin. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

How is God speaking to you?

Where do you need to obey?

## JOURNAL & PROCESS

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## WRITE A MAGNIFICAT

## BELMONT 2023 READING PLAN

### SESSION 1: WEEK 3 - GOD IS FAITHFUL

BIBLE STUDY READING PLAN	FINISHED
Genesis 9-10 - Covenant with Noah	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genesis 12, 15, 17 - Covenant With Abraham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exodus 19, 24 - Covenant with Moses	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Samuel 7 - Covenant with David	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luke 22-24 - The New Covenant	<input type="checkbox"/>
REFLECTION & PRAYER	FINISHED
1 Corinthians 11:24-26 - “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hebrews 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.	<input type="checkbox"/>
MEMORIZE	Finished
Romans 8:28 28And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.	<input type="checkbox"/>



## LISTEN & OBEY

God is committed to saving His people and is faithful in keeping his promises. This week we are studying the five major covenants through five servants of God. We finish with Jesus. The covenants are key to understanding the structure of the Bible as well as giving insight into God's faithfulness and love for His people.

How is God speaking to you?

Where do you need to obey?

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### SESSION 1: WEEK 4 - GOD IS SOVEREIGN

BIBLE STUDY READING PLAN	FINISHED
Genesis 22-23 - Abraham and Isaac	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genesis 24-27 - Isaac and his sons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genesis 28-32 - Jacob and Esau	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genesis 37, 40-42 - Joseph and his 12 brothers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genesis 46-50 - Joseph and his leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>
REFLECTION & PRAYER	FINISHED
<a href="#">Jeremiah 1:5</a> “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Ephesians 2:10</a> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genesis 50:18-20 - But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.	<input type="checkbox"/>
MEMORIZE	Finished
<a href="#">John 15:16</a> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.	<input type="checkbox"/>

## LISTEN & OBEY

God is Sovereign. He works all things for His purposes and for His glory. And he uses His people, however imperfect and faithless, to accomplish His plans. I love the honesty of the Bible. This week we will be watching how God chooses and call people to follow and trust Him. The plans don't always make sense, at least from a human level, but from a 30,000-foot level, we see God's sovereign hands always making sense of it all.

How is God speaking to you?

Where do you need to obey?

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### SESSION 1: WEEK 5 GOD IS OUR SAVIOR

BIBLE STUDY READING PLAN	FINISHED
Exodus 1-3 - The Call of Moses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exodus 4-6 - Moses Delivers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exodus 7-11 - Ten Plagues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exodus 12-15 - Crossing the Red Sea	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exodus 20, Deut 6-8 - Ten Commandments	<input type="checkbox"/>
REFLECTION & PRAYER	FINISHED
<p>Acts 7:34–37 I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt.’ 35“This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’—this man God sent as both ruler and redeemer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush. 36 This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Colossians 1:13–14 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MEMORIZE	Finished
<p>Philippians 1:6 - Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## LISTEN & OBEY

God is faithful. He knows our heart. He hears our pain. He sees our troubles. God initiates the rescue of His people using weak and insecure servants. He longs for us to worship Him and Him alone. He will use whatever means are necessary to bring us to that place. It may not always seem like He is faithful, but the Lord is working in our lives.

How is God speaking to you?

Where do you need to obey?

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### SESSION 1: WEEK 6 - GOD IS LOVING

BIBLE STUDY READING PLAN	FINISHED
Exodus 22-24 - The Law and the promise of Blessing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exodus 25-27 - The Law to Worship God	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exodus 37-40 - The Law and the Tabernacle	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leviticus 23-26 - The Feasts and Caring for the Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Romans 4-6 - Law and Grace	<input type="checkbox"/>
REFLECTION & PRAYER	FINISHED
Deuteronomy 10:12-15 “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? 14 Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens...”	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psalms 1:1-2 - Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.	<input type="checkbox"/>
MEMORIZE	Finished
John 15:9-11 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.	<input type="checkbox"/>

## LISTEN & OBEY

**God is a loving God.** A loving God cares for his people and wants them to have joy. This week's focus is an overview of the Law to worship God because our joy in the Lord is connected to our obedience to His commands. It is impossible to obey His commands apart from the grace of Jesus and the power of the Spirit. Spend some time this week reflecting on the balance of grace and law.

How is God speaking to you?

Where do you need to obey?

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### SESSION 1: WEEK 7 - GOD IS KING

BIBLE STUDY READING PLAN	FINISHED
Judges 1-3 - Judges Rules over Israel	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 Samuel 8-9 - Kings - Saul	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 Samuel 16-17 - Kings - David	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 King 1-3 - Kings - Solomon	<input type="checkbox"/>
John 18-19 - King Jesus	<input type="checkbox"/>
REFLECTION & PRAYER	FINISHED
Isaiah 9:6-7 - For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeremiah 23:5-6 - "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.	<input type="checkbox"/>
MEMORIZE	Finished
Matthew 6:33-34 - But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.	<input type="checkbox"/>



## LISTEN & OBEY

**God is the King.** He is the Ruler. He deserves our obedience and trust. This week's readings will overview how the Israelites rejected God as their king and the turmoil they experienced thereafter. The memory verse this week is such a powerful reminder to us that our King is a King that cares for our every need and rules with power and kindness.

How is God speaking to you?

Where do you need to obey?

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### SESSION 1: WEEK 8 - GOD IS OUR RESCUER

BIBLE STUDY READING PLAN	FINISHED
1 Kings 11-12 - Israel is Divided	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Kings 17, 25 - Israel and Judah are captured	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ezra 1-3 - The Return to Jerusalem	<input type="checkbox"/>
Isaiah 53, Jeremiah 31 - God redeems His People	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acts 6-7 - The stoning of Stephen	<input type="checkbox"/>
REFLECTION & PRAYER	FINISHED
Daniel 9:3-6 Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. 4I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 5we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.	<input type="checkbox"/>
MEMORIZE	Finished
Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...	<input type="checkbox"/>

## LISTEN & OBEY

God is our Redeemer. God will not allow us to sin and remain in a relationship with Him. He disciplines us like he disciplined the Israelites. But he never forgets and never stops pursuing and making way for us to be connected to Him. This week, our memory verse will remind us that God is compassionate and committed to Holiness and to redeeming His people.

How is God speaking to you?

Where do you need to obey?

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## SESSION 1 READING PLAN

### Week 1

Genesis 1-2 - The beginning of Creation

John 1 - Jesus, the Creator

Colossians 1 - Jesus, the Sustainer of Creation

Revelations 21-22 - The New Creation

Psalms 8, 139 - You are His Creation

### Week 2

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Genesis 3-4 - The Fall

Genesis 6-8 - The Flood

Genesis 10-11 - The Tower of Babel

Romans 1-3, 8 - All have Sinned

1 John 1-2 - We can be Forgiven

### Week 3

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Genesis 9-10 - Covenant with Noah

Genesis 12, 15, 17 - Covenant With Abraham

Exodus 19, 24 - Covenant with Moses

Luke 22-24 - The New Covenant

## Week 4

Genesis 22-23 - Abraham and Isaac

Genesis 24-27 - Isaac and his sons

Genesis 28-32 - Jacob and Esau

Genesis 37, 40-42 - Joseph and his 12 brothers

Genesis 46-50 - Joseph and his leadership

## Week 5

Exodus 1-3 - The Call of Moses

Exodus 4-6 - Moses Delivers

Exodus 7-11 - Ten Plagues

Exodus 12-15 - Crossing the Red Sea

Exodus 20, Deut 6-8 - Ten Commandments

## Week 6

Exodus 22-24 - The Law and the promise of Blessing

Exodus 25-27 - The Law to Worship God

Exodus 37-40 - The Law and the Tabernacle

Leviticus 23-26 - The Feasts and Caring for the Poor

Romans 4-6 - Law and Grace

Week 7	
<u>Judges 1-3</u> - Judges Rules over Israel	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>1 Samuel 8-9</u> - Kings - Saul	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>1 Samuel 16-17</u> - Kings - David	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>1 King 1-3</u> - Kings - Solomon	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>John 18-19</u> - King Jesus	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 8	
<u>1 Kings 11-12</u> - Israel is Divided	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>2 Kings 17, 25</u> - Israel and Judah are captured	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Ezra 1-3</u> - The Return to Jerusalem	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Isaiah 53</u> , <u>Jeremiah 31</u> - God redeems His People	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Acts 6-7</u> - The stoning of Stephen	<input type="checkbox"/>

## SESSION 1 - MEMORIZATION PLAN

### Week 1

Colossians 1:16–18 - For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together

### Week 2

Romans 8:1–2 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

### Week 3

Romans 8:28 - And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

### Week 4

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

### Week 5

Philippians 1:6 - Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

### Week 6

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## Week 7

Matthew 6:33–34 - But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

## Week 8

Titus 2:11–14 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...

## Other verses you want to memorize



# **BELMONT 2023 - PRAYER REQUESTS**

## **Week 1 - PRAYER REQUESTS**

## **Week 2 - PRAYER REQUESTS**

## **Week 3 - PRAYER REQUESTS**

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**PRAYER PRAISES/REQUESTS**



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