

DID YOU KNOW...

Reading the Word of God four times a week or more has a significant impact on a person's world view, attitudinal habits, and behavioral choices?

Recent studies by the Centre for bible Engagement discovered those who engage in Bible reading four or more times per week experience a much higher level of health and emotional stability?

Young people engaged in reading Scripture at least four times a week are much less likely to be involved in sex outside of marriage, gambling, drugs, pornography or other risky behaviours?

Reading God's Word regularly feeds our hearts and minds with truth and inspiration, ushers us into His presence and invites us to a close communion with Him.

Join the Engage the Word journey and enjoy the benefits! **Readings begin Monday October 1, 2012.**

What is Bible Engagement?

The Bible tells us, "The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edge sword. It cuts all the way through, to where the soul and spirit meet, to where joints and marrow come together. It judges the desires and thoughts of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). The Bible is where we learn to hear God's voice.

Bible engagement is a way of meaningfully interacting with the Scriptures in order to learn what God is saying to us through His Word. We are excited to launch this fall emphasis Engage the Word as together we PRAY, READ, REFLECT, AND RESPOND.

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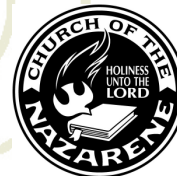
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| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Noah Built an Altar | Genesis 8:1-22; 9:1-17 | 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> | The Kingdom of Heaven is Like | Matthew 13:1-58 |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Let us Make a Name for Ourselves | Genesis 11:1-9 | 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lord, Save Me! | Matthew 14:22-36 |
| 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | A Place Called Bethel | Genesis 27:1-46; 28:1-22 | 23 | <input type="checkbox"/> | What Is Your Name? | Mark 5:1-20 |
| 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | They Took Joseph to Egypt | Genesis 37:1-36 | 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> | What Must I Do? | Luke 10:25-37 |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Grain in Egypt | Genesis 42:1-38 | 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Who is Greater? | Luke 22:1-46 |
| 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | I Am Your Brother | Genesis 45:1-28; 46:1-7 | 26 | <input type="checkbox"/> | What is Truth? | John 18:1-40 |
| 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> | I Am Who I Am | Exodus 3:1-22; 4:1-17 | 27 | <input type="checkbox"/> | By What Name Did You Do This? | Acts 3:1-26; 4:1-37 |
| 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> | On Dry Ground | Exodus 13:17-22; 14:1-31 | 28 | <input type="checkbox"/> | May I Be Baptized? | Acts 8:6-40 |
| 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> | You Have Sinned a Great Sin | Exodus 32:1-35 | 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> | God Raised Him from the Dead | Acts 13:1-52; 14:1-28 |
| 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yet They Did Not Listen | Judges 2:6-23; 3:1-6 | 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Almost Persuaded | Acts 25:1-27; 26:1-32; 27:1-44; 28:1-31 |
| 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> | The Sword of the Lord | Judges 6:1-40; 7:1-25 | 31 | <input type="checkbox"/> | No Condemnation | Romans 8:1-39 |
| 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Long Live the King | 1 Samuel 8:1-22; 9:1-26 | 32 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Live By the Spirit | Galatians 5:16-26; 6:1-10 |
| 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> | I Come to You in the Name of the Lord | 1 Samuel 16:1-23; 17:1-58; 18:1-16 | 33 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Be Strong in the Lord | Ephesians 6:10-20 |
| 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> | You Are the Man | 2 Samuel 11:1-27; 12:1-25 | 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> | The Peace of God | Philippians 4:2-9 |
| 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Give Your Servant an Understanding Mind | 1 Kings 2:1-46; 3:1-28 | 35 | <input type="checkbox"/> | The Kingdom of the Beloved Son | Colossians 1:1-23 |
| 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> | The Lord is My Shepherd | Psalms 23:1-6 | 36 | <input type="checkbox"/> | We Do Not Lose Heart | 2 Corinthians 4:1-18; 5:1-21; 6:1-2 |
| 17 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have Mercy on Me | Psalms 51:1-19 | 37 | <input type="checkbox"/> | A Chosen Race, A Royal Priesthood | 1 Peter 1:1-25; 2:1-12 |
| 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Trust in the Lord With All Your Heart | Proverbs 1:1-33; 2:1-22; 3:1-35; 4:1-27 | 38 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Love One Another | 1 John 3:11-24; 4:1-21 |
| 19 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Commit Your Work to the Lord | Proverbs 16:1-33; 17:1-28; 18:1-24 | 39 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seven Golden Lampstands | Revelation 2:1-29; 3:1-22 |
| 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> | I Am Sending My Messenger | Malachi 1:1-14 | 40 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Faithful and True | Revelation 19:1-21; 20:1-15 |

Yes, I desire a deeper knowledge of God. I desire to see my life changed by growing closer to God through the reading of His written Word. I will begin a regular practice of Bible Engagement, knowing that Jesus Christ's love, opened up in God's Word, changes everything.

I Will

ASK God to connect with me here. Beginning with focus and openness to see what God has for me.

READ the selected selection of Scripture slowly

Marking the words and phrases that intrigue me, reading them a second time.

REFLECT on what grabs me here. Thinking through what God is communication to me; stopping long enough to let this take root and thanking God for engaging me.

RESPOND to the passage. Speaking directly to God about what's on my mind and heart. Looking for ways to live out what I find – individually and with my church. Looking for ways to bring what I find to others.

Your Name