

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 Sunday September 29, 2013**

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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September 29, 2013	Bad News! Good Grief!	Nehemiah 1:1-4a
September 30, 2013	Don't Just Stand There... Pray!	Nehemiah 1:5-7
October 1, 2013	Standing on God's Promises	Nehemiah 1:8-9
October 2, 2013	Pleading and Interceding	Nehemiah 1:10-11
October 3, 2013	Finding Favor with God and Man	Nehemiah 2:1-8
October 4, 2013	Reconnaissance Man	Nehemiah 2:11-15b
October 5, 2013	Now Is the Time - Ready, Set, Go!	Nehemiah 2:16-18
October 6, 2013	Building Better Together	Nehemiah 3:1-2, 28-32
October 7, 2013	From Insults to Praise	Nehemiah 4:1-5
October 8, 2013	Building on a Firm Foundation	Nehemiah 4:6-9
October 9, 2013	Don't Give in to Discouragement	Nehemiah 4:10-11
October 10, 2013	Dangers, Toils, and Snares...	Nehemiah 4:12-14
October 11, 2013	Back to Work	Nehemiah 4:15
October 12, 2013	A Spear, a Shield, and a Trowel	Nehemiah 4:16-18
October 13, 2013	Join Us!	Nehemiah 4:19-20
October 14, 2013	A Sacrificial Task	Nehemiah 4:21-23
October 15, 2013	Forgive Us Our Debts - Unfair Policies	Nehemiah 5:1-5
October 16, 2013	A City "Counsel" Meeting	Nehemiah 5:6-8
October 17, 2013	Confronting Wrongdoing	Nehemiah 5:9-12a
October 18, 2013	A Plea for Integrity and Commitment	Nehemiah 5:12b-13
October 19, 2013	Acting in the Public Interest	Nehemiah 5:14-15
October 20, 2013	Leading by Example	Nehemiah 5:16-19
October 21, 2013	Foiling the Enemy's Tactics	Nehemiah 6:1-4
October 22, 2013	Seeking Strength for the Task	Nehemiah 6:5-9
October 23, 2013	Discerning Deceit	Nehemiah 6:10-13
October 24, 2013	Success - Against All Odds	Nehemiah 6:15-16
October 25, 2013	Protecting the City Together	Nehemiah 7:1-3
October 26, 2013	Listening to God's Word	Nehemiah 8:1-4a
October 27, 2013	Seeking to Know God's Word	Nehemiah 8:5-8
October 28, 2013	Finding Joy and Strength in God's Word	Nehemiah 8:9-12
October 29, 2013	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Nehemiah 9:1-3
October 30, 2013	Celebrate God!	Nehemiah 9:5b-6
October 31, 2013	Glory Be to the Lord, Our God!	Nehemiah 9:7-8
November 1, 2013	God is Ever Faithful	Nehemiah 9:9-15, 26-27
November 2, 2013	Making a Covenant with God	Nehemiah 10:28-29
November 3, 2013	Setting In	Nehemiah 11:1-3
November 4, 2013	Dedicating the City to God	Nehemiah 12:27-30
November 5, 2013	A Concert of Praise	Nehemiah 12:31, 38-40
November 6, 2013	The Joy of Restoration	Nehemiah 12:43
November 7, 2013	Upholding God's Laws	Nehemiah 13:19-22

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