

READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER (RBT)

PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE

Now that you're in a Home Group, here's a quick guide to help you get the most out of Reading the Bible Together.

1. MONTHLY PATTERN

The last Sunday of the month (evening service) is the RBT overview sermon, this is designed to help prepare you for the book/s you will read in the following month. E.g. The last Sunday in March was the Genesis overview. You now have all of April to read the book of Genesis. We will then meet in home groups in May (RBT Week) to consider what we have learnt in Genesis. We will then follow the same pattern every month.

EXAMPLE:

April 2017						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

The 1st Wednesday of the month designates RBT week

The last Sunday of the month designates RBT overview sermon for the following month

As we will already be meeting to read and pray in our home groups, the regular Wednesday night meeting will not be running during RBT week.

2. READING PLAN

	2017	2018	2019
April	Genesis	Mark	Acts
May	Galatians, Ephesians, 1&2 Thessalonians	1 and 2 Corinthians	James, 1 &2 Peter, 1,2,3 John, Jude
June	John	Joshua, Judges, Ruth	Job
July	Exodus	1 Samuel	2 Kings
August	Isaiah	Ezekiel	6 minor prophets
September	Psalms 1-75	2 Samuel	1 Chronicles
October	Romans	Hebrews	1&2 Timothy, Titus
November	Numbers	Leviticus	2 Chronicles
December	Matthew	Luke	Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther
January	Psalms 76-150	1 Kings	Daniel and Song of Solomon
February	Jeremiah and Lamentations	6 minor prophets	Philippians, Colossians and Philemon
March	Deuteronomy	Proverbs and Ecclesiastes	Revelation

3. THE RBT QUESTIONS

Eight questions are asked every month, of every book/s (see below)

1. What did you learn about Jesus?
2. What did you learn about yourself?
3. How were you corrected and rebuked?
4. How do you feel you need to change?
5. What did you learn from scripture that will help you endure (keep going) and be encouraged?
6. What did you learn that will teach you to do works of service to build up the Church here at Grace?
7. What have you learnt that helps you love the Lord your God with all your heart & with all your soul & with all your mind?
8. What has helped you love your neighbour as yourself?

4. HELPFUL HINTS

- If you don't find reading easy, then you may find it helpful to get an audio version of the Bible. They are available on CD, online or through a Bible App.
- Always pray before you read the passage, asking for the help of the Holy Spirit.
- Some people find writing a journal a helpful way to record what they have been learning. Copies of the questions are available with space for notes.
- If you fall behind with the reading plan, you won't be the only one, please don't worry or become discouraged. You can always start afresh each month.
- If you've not managed to complete the set-reading **please** still go to your home group, being there will encourage others and help you.
- An overview sermon will be preached and a handout provided before each month. Please try to be there for these overviews. If for some reason you are unable to make them, it would be worth catching up online and requesting a copy of the handout.
- The children will be learning a memory verse each month based on the reading plan. Please feel free to join them and by the end of the 3 years, you will have committed 36 Bible verses to memory.

5. HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR HOME GROUP

- Be committed to your group. If for some reason you can't make it, tell your leader or another group member. If possible try to attend a different group that month.
- Use the groups as an opportunity to get to know the members of your group better.
- Use the group as an opportunity to multiply the 'one-another' commands of the Bible. (love one another, encourage one another, build one another up... etc)
- Please be willing to contribute positively but leave room for others too.
- Contributing is not about showing off what you know, but sharing what you have learnt.
- Feel free to ask questions
- Encourage your leader/s with your words and actions.
- Avoid controversies, criticism, gossip and riding hobby horses.
- Look out for follow up opportunities. Is there someone from your group you could meet with to talk some more about what you have been learning?
- When praying in your group, please pray prayers that are short enough to leave room for others to pray and simple enough to encourage others to pray too.
- In between RBT groups, pray for the members of your group and remember to pray for the other groups as well.
- Is there someone in your group you could give a lift to or share a lift with?
- Could you offer babysitting service to allow others to attend?