

Where Do I Begin?

In Salt and Light Discipleship we learn to be self-feeding Christians, feasting directly on God's word. We allow the Bible to interpret itself as we pray through Scripture and read relationally. Reading relationally is the cornerstone of our time with the Lord. We pray first, read relationally, asking God to teach and convict. When He impresses something upon our hearts, we stop and pray (talk) back to Him. He may be teaching us a lesson, asking us to confess a sin, causing us to bring forth a petition or a praise. Choose one portion of Scripture from our reading plan, along with your take away from that reading to share with the group. Choose a verse each month to memorize.

We will begin with a "reading plan" reflecting God's character. After that, we will pick up our Bible daily on a journey to read the **entire** Counsel of God.

January Month 1: Please read the below Scripture before our first meeting

- Psalm 103, Isaiah 40:25-31, Romans 8: 31-39 and Psalm 145
- Underline word or phrase that speaks of God's character

February Month 2

- Psalm 139
 - Underline a word or phrase that describes what God knows and does for me.
- Daniel 3 - three men who believed Psalm 103 and Psalm 139
 - What words come to mind about the three men and King Nebuchadnezzar

The Old Testament is the foundation for the New Testament (***Luke 24:27*** -and the beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scripture concerning Himself)

March Month 3

- Genesis 1-11 - attributes of God, where sin came from, Judgement of God.
- Major events - Creation, the Fall, the Flood, Tower of Babel

April Month 4

- Genesis 12-50 - Promises and faithfulness of God
- Major people - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph

May Month 5

- Exodus 1-11 - God remembers His promises with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- Promises of God, faithfulness of God
- Major events - Plagues

June Month 6

- Exodus 12-20
- Major Events - Passover, Ten commandments

Salt and Light Discipleship Group – Mercy Chapel

<p>Meeting Format: Each woman will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recite new memory verse • Inform the group which bible passage she will share from (entire group turns there) • Share her “take away” application of what the Lord is saying (be specific) • Next woman prays for that woman then begins her share time 	<p>Confidentiality/Sharing</p> <p>Everything that is said in the group must remain private. As we pour out to the Lord sensitive topics come up. It is of the utmost importance women feel safe. Even a prayer request shared outside the group can be a form of “gossip” . While encouraged to share, feel free to “pass”, listening strengthens as well.</p>
<p>Relationally Reading Talking to God about what you are reading <u>while you are reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray before reading asking for understanding • Ask questions of God as you read • Respond in amazement to His Character • Say “Thank You” • Express emotion • Confess as you read <p>Luke 24:25 Then He opened their minds to understand the scripture</p>	<p>General Housekeeping</p> <p>Come to the group on time, keep sharing concise. Each woman should have time to share. Keep “crosstalk” to a minimum. Crosstalk is commenting on everyone's share, interrupting women when they share, speaking out of turn, etc.</p> <p>If we do respond after a woman shares, it is right to point her back to the Lord, to a scripture or even to pray for/over her.</p>
<p>Memory Verse Ask the Lord to show you a verse He would like you to remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the verse in context • Gain understanding of what is meant • Practice verse, citing chapter & verse at the beginning and end • Write the verse out, practice outloud • Repeat frequently - Review, Review • You “got this!” 	<p>Your Bible</p> <p>At Mercy Chapel, the preferred bible translation is KJV or NKJV but all bible translations are welcome. Having more than one bible translation in a group can enhance understanding.</p> <p><i>While we read many other things, we ask ladies to share what God has spoken to her through His word or assigned reading. Please do not promote other books during group time.</i></p>
<p>Being Prepared for group</p> <p>As you work your way through the bible <u>daily</u> you will come to know Him more. What an exciting promise!</p> <p>Take notes and think about what He is really like from whatever passage you are reading. The intent of the study is to go deeper with the Lord, edifying Him. Please come even if you have “nothing” to share. You will be blessed!</p>	<p>Prayer Partners</p> <p>To stay connected, your leader will pair you with another woman for prayer. Praying with a sister is a form of fellowship that binds us and builds relationships.</p> <p>James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.</p>

