



*Bible
Reading
Plan*

WEEK 6
MAY 25 - 31



Using The Bible Reading Plan

The mark of a growing disciple is the discipline to self-feed. During this unprecedented time, the Lord is redirecting His people to pause and rediscover Him and His ways afresh. This is the heart behind our Bible Reading Plan - that we, as a church will delight the Father when we are growing in our love for Him and allowing His Spirit to move us in obeying His Word in our lives.

The Bible Reading Plan comprises a daily passage with reflection questions to guide you in meditation. You can also journal what God's Spirit is prompting you to do in applying the Word. We pray that as you carve out unhurried time to encounter God, you will revitalise your spiritual life and encourage others to experience likewise!



In order to fully utilise the features within this Reading Plan, open this document using Adobe Acrobat Reader.

(<https://acrobat.adobe.com/sea/en/mobile/acrobat-reader.html>)



This Week's Focus

This week, we conclude our time in the book of Nehemiah and begin on Ezra, another book related to this time period. One theme will surface from our readings this week – the value of the house of God to you. As you read through these passages, may the Lord awaken your love and passion for your spiritual home in RiverLife Church. It is way more than just another place of worship. It is YOUR church and YOUR family. Let's emerge from this week with a renewed devotion for this church we call OUR church.

May 25

MONDAY

"We will not neglect the house of our God." - **Nehemiah 10:39 (ESV)**



Today's Meditation

Nehemiah 10 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

Verses 32-39 describe the pledge the Jewish people made; they wanted to give their best to the house of God. Evaluate your life in the last couple of years. Have you given your best to the house of God (not just financially)?

How can you give your best to the house of God from this day onwards? Write down a pledge similar to these verses - "I commit myself to.....(pledge).... for the House of the Lord from this day onwards."

Speak, Lord... Your Servant is Listening

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Any other promptings from the Holy Spirit? (Words of encouragement, specific actions, etc.)

May 26

TUESDAY

"And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered to live in Jerusalem." - **Nehemiah 11:2 (ESV)**



Today's Meditation

Nehemiah 11 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

Why was it critical for one tenth of the Jewish people to populate Jerusalem? What do these people have to sacrifice in order to live in Jerusalem?

Similarly, many in our church have made sacrifices to serve others in this spiritual family. Think of at least 3 people in your cell or community circle that have done so, and how can you bless these individuals during this season? (v 2)

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May 27

WEDNESDAY

"And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced..."
- **Nehemiah 12:43 (ESV)**



Today's Meditation

Nehemiah 12 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

Put yourselves in the shoes of the Jewish people. Why do you think you would rejoice greatly on that day (v 43)?

When was the last time you rejoiced greatly because you made “an investment” into the house of God? In this season, what is one aspect of the House of God that you would like to invest your life into so that you can rejoice greatly when it produces fruit?

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May 28

THURSDAY

"Thus I cleansed them from everything foreign..." -
Nehemiah 13:30 (ESV)



Today's Meditation

Nehemiah 13 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

What role did the Word of God play in Nehemiah's leadership of the people? Why do you think this was so?

What is the role of the Word of God in your life? What were some occasions when the Word of God changed the trajectory of your decision(s) even though it differed from your preference.

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May 29

FRIDAY

"...everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up to rebuild the house of the Lord that is in Jerusalem." - **Ezra 1:5 (ESV)**



Today's Meditation

Ezra 1 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

A revival was about to come to Jerusalem. According to this passage, who was the initiator of this revival? (v 1, 5) Therefore, what should our posture be if we want to see revival in our lives?

God knew precisely what Jerusalem needed for revival (v 7-11). Take a moment to ponder on areas of your life in need of a revival that God is showing you.

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May 30

SATURDAY

"Here is the list of the Jewish exiles of the provinces who returned from their captivity." - **Ezra 2:1 (NLT)**



Today's Meditation

Ezra 2 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

Why was it so important for the Jewish people to record the details of these individuals?

The culture of honour is always one of the fruits of a revived life. Think about those who have authority over your lives – parents, supervisors, bosses, leaders, pastors, the government, etc. Do you honour them? How would you (continue to) honour them?

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May 31

SUNDAY



"But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid..." - **Ezra 3:12 (ESV)**

Today's Meditation

Ezra 3 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

What are some possible reasons these old men (who had seen the previous temple) wept when they saw the foundation of the temple being laid, while the others rejoiced?

What does RiverLife Church mean to you? Is it just another church or is it **YOUR** church? What does it practically mean for RiverLife to be **YOUR** church?

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Additional Resources

Article: Introduction To Ezra by ESV.org
(<https://go.aws/2TvDrpo>)

Article: Who Was Ezra In The Bible by GotQuestions.org
(<https://go.aws/3bSqlUh>)

Article: Why The Church Is Vitally Important For Every Christian by Stephen J. Nicols
(<https://go.aws/2ZsZroD>)

Article: Principles of Honoring People by Joseph Mattera
(<https://go.aws/3e7wRxb>)

Video: Why Should I Be Involved In Church by IMPACT Through The Bible Series
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNPs2HWHpXY>)

Video: The Modern World and The Word Of God by Ravi Zacharias
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2v3PFCKHkKA>)

Song: Already All I Need by Christy Nockels
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zByzjJ4nvH8>)



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