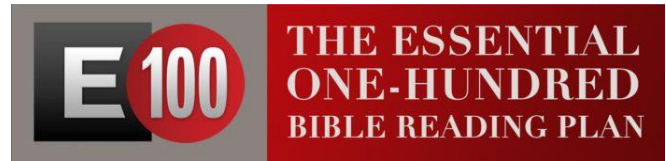


ST. ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 8, 2021



Dear Friends,

It's here! The Essential 100 Bible Reading Plan begins for St. Andrew's on July 5, 2021. So grab your Bible, find a comfortable reading spot, and settle in for a unique, meaningful way to get a complete overview of the message of the Bible.

What is the Essential 100 Bible Reading Plan? The E100 Plan is a carefully curated group of 100 Bible stories - 50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament - that when read together provide the big picture of the Bible and its message for all of us.

How Does It Work? The readings are organized into 20 weekly sets of 5 readings each. Each weekly set of readings has a common theme. The schedule allows for 5 readings in each 7-day week, so you have a little grace time every week. Each weekday, Monday through Friday, has an assigned scripture reading. Weekends are open. The Bible passages are usually 1 to 2 chapters, and can be read in 15 to 30 minutes, depending on your reading style.

How Do You Participate? There is no book to purchase, no signup sheet - just pick up your Bible and start reading using the schedule included with this letter. There is a "Reading Guide" booklet available for pickup at the church that provides the structural overview of the reading schedule, gives additional information about each day's reading, a short prayer, and a brief message. You are encouraged to pick up this booklet from the church before you start reading. There will also be a weekly Facebook post with that week's Scripture Schedule, as well as a listing on our website.

Personal Experience. The E100 Bible Reading Plan is designed to be a personal, individual experience, with optional small group participation as an enhancement (see below). You should find a private, quiet space to do your daily reading. If you follow the schedule, you will be reading in tandem with many others at St. Andrew's - a shared experience even while reading alone!

Small Groups. You may want to get together with a small group at the end of each week to talk about what you've read. Your small group can be your friends, family members, Sunday school class, neighbors, or existing small group. Your group can meet however you feel comfortable -- over a meal, at someone's home, at the church, in a park, on a long walk, or via zoom. There is a Small Group Discussion Guide with questions for each week of readings that you can pick up at the church. If you would like to facilitate a small group and would like to invite others from St. Andrew's to join you, please contact Marcy at mbrennan@saumcbr.com. NO teaching required! - you just need to set the meeting time and place and read the discussion questions.

Our prayer is that you will meet God every day as you enjoy your Bible during this E100 Bible Reading Plan! If you have questions, please call the church or contact Marcy.

Happy Reading!

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