



FAMILY IMPRESSIONS



Impressing the Love of Jesus on Every Heart in Every Home Every Day

READING GUIDE

Below you will find the reading plan schedule and suggested outline for gathering around God's word.

LISTEN

Talk about your day. Check-in to see how everyone is doing. Share blessings and challenges. This will help you connect God's word to your daily lives.

Read at your own pace. We will offer different plans that you can follow including books of the Bible, sets according to themes like parables or miracles or even basic teachings like the Lord's Prayer or Apostle's Creed. You can certainly use this guide for any reading plan or anytime you read Scripture.

LEARN

Discuss what you've read. Begin with any of your own observations or questions. For a simple format that you can use anytime you read the Bible, consider Luther's Four Questions (below). For additional study you can download the Study Guide that includes questions for each chapter. No answers are provided because we don't want you to worry about "right" answers. You will find some answers in the verses you read. Other questions are open-ended without specific answers. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand and apply God's word to your personal life – and he will!

Luther's Four Questions

1. *What does this teach you about God?*
2. *What sin does this lead you to personally confess?*
3. *How does this point us to Jesus?*
4. *What does God want us to believe or do as we think about this?*

LOVE

Pray from what you learned. God loves to hear any of our prayers as we offer thanks and praise or ask for help. He especially loves to hear us pray back what he reveals to us through his word. Consider praying your reflections from Luther's Four Questions:

I Praise you God because you are ...
Forgive me because I have ...
Thank you, Jesus, for ...
Help me ...

Add any other prayers for self, family or others.
End with the Lord's Prayer.

Memorize God's Word. God wants us to put his word on our hearts and minds. Remembering key passages will bless us in time of need. Start by simply repeating together. Do one passage/section each day until memorized. Then move on to the next passage. You may not learn all the passages; that's OK. You can learn more in the future.

Bless each other with God's name as you end your time around his word:

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor
† and give you peace. Amen.