

# **Intermediate Bible Reading Program (6 Months)**

## **Program Goals**

- Develop a deeper understanding of the Bible's major themes.
- Practice consistent, structured reading habits.
- Learn basic interpretation skills: context, cross-references, and application.
- Build a foundation for independent Bible study.

## **Month 1 – The Story of Redemption (Genesis & John)**

- Goal: See the big picture of creation, fall, and God's redemptive plan.
- Daily Reading: Genesis 1–25, Gospel of John
- Weekly Focus: Week 1: Creation & Fall, Week 2: Abraham & Covenant, Week 3-4: Life of Jesus

## **Month 2 – Israel's Story & God's Covenant (Exodus & Psalms)**

- Goal: Understand God's covenant people and His presence.
- Daily Reading: Exodus 1–20, Selected Psalms
- Weekly Focus: Week 1: God's Deliverance, Week 2: God's Covenant, Week 3-4: Psalms of worship and trust

## **Month 3 – Wisdom & Life Lessons (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, James)**

- Goal: Learn practical wisdom and faith in action.
- Daily Reading: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, James
- Weekly Focus: Week 1: Proverbs 1–10, Week 2: Proverbs 11–31, Week 3: Ecclesiastes, Week 4: James

## **Month 4 – Prophets & God's Promises (Isaiah & Selected Prophets)**

- Goal: Explore God's warnings, promises, and hope of salvation.
- Daily Reading: Isaiah 1–12; 40–66, Selected passages from Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea

- Weekly Focus: Week 1: Judgment & Mercy, Week 2: Messianic Prophecies, Week 3: Jeremiah's Lament, Week 4: God's Heart in Hosea

## **Month 5 – The Life of Christ (Synoptic Gospels)**

- Goal: Compare and contrast the life and ministry of Jesus.
- Daily Reading: Selected passages from Matthew, Mark, Luke
- Weekly Focus: Week 1: Birth & Early Ministry, Week 2: Teachings & Parables, Week 3: Miracles & Ministry, Week 4: Passion Week & Resurrection

## **Month 6 – Early Church & Christian Living (Acts & Epistles)**

- Goal: Learn how the gospel spreads and how believers live in Christ.
- Daily Reading: Acts 1–20, Selected Epistles (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians)
- Weekly Focus: Week 1: Birth of the Church, Week 2: Missionary Journeys, Week 3: Christian Identity in Ephesians, Week 4: Joy & Maturity

## **Weekly Reflection Questions**

- What does this passage teach me about God's character?
- How does this connect to the larger story of the Bible?
- What promises or warnings apply to my life today?
- How can I live this truth out this week?

## **Recommended Tools**

- Study Bible: ESV Study Bible or NIV Life Application Bible
- Bible App: YouVersion or Blue Letter Bible for cross-references
- Journaling: Write key verses, insights, and prayers daily