

**The Bible in 12 Weeks...  
Reading & Note-taking Guide**

**Woodlake United Methodist Church  
January—March 2012**

What a story we share: 66 books, covering thousands of years and hundreds of writers and characters. It can seem complicated, but with a little prayerful attention, the message is absolutely clear. We just need to give it our attention! So I would like to invite you, as we begin this New Year, to stick to it! Take the time every day to read the assigned passages.

Join us in worship for the accompanying sermon each week. Follow the work of God through the centuries and into our lives right now. I believe this twelve week series can be life changing for us, so please take the time this winter to hear God's story, and stick to it!

In Christ,  
Pastor Pete

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**WEEK 1: CREATION**

“Did you hear it? Can you picture the symmetry? Our God is a God of hospitality, creating a place for a people, a place where all life can flourish. God provides for all creation, as our story shows. Our God is a God of order; we can trust God to provide for us now as in the beginning.”

**Scripture Reading Plan for the Week of January 2-6**

Mon, January 2	Genesis 1:1-13
Tues, January 3	Genesis 1:14-25
Wed, January 4	Genesis 1: 26-31
Thur, January 5	Genesis 2:1: 14
Fri, January 6	Genesis 2:15-24
Saturday	REST

**WEEK 2: CATASTROPHE**

“Yet just as God called to them, God calls to us, saying, “where are you?’ We, like them, may try to hide, to isolate ourselves, to be alone with our sin and our shame. But God is constantly seeking the lost. Perhaps God asks, ‘Where are you?’ not out of anger but in a gracious invitation to once more make ourselves vulnerable – before God, before each other.”

**Scripture Reading Plan for the Week of January 9-13**

Mon, January 9	Genesis 3, Genesis 4
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Tues, January 10	Genesis 5, Genesis 6
Wed, January 11	Genesis 7, Genesis 8
Thur, January 12	Genesis 9, Genesis 10
Fri, January 13	Genesis 11
Saturday	REST

### WEEK 3: COVENANT

“Abraham’s faithfulness did not come easily, nor without anguish, yet God still praised him for it. You and I are on that same journey, and we also can grow into our faithfulness as we learn to trust God and each other more within the context of the community God has placed us in.”

#### Scripture Reading Plan for the Week of January 16-20

Mon, January 16	Genesis 12, Genesis 13, Genesis 14
Tues, January 17	Genesis 15, Genesis 16
Wed, January 18	Genesis 17, Genesis 18
Thur, January 19	Genesis 19, Genesis 20
Fri, January 20	Genesis 21, Genesis 22
Saturday	REST

### WEEK 4: COMMUNITY 1: EXODUS

“This is our story. God’s intention remains to liberate us from ‘Egypt,’ from the things that keep us in bondage. God continually wishes to lead us out of those things that keep us distant from God and from each other, those things that lead us even further into exile.”

#### Scripture Reading Plan for the Week of January 23-27

Mon, January 23	Exodus 1, Exodus 2, Exodus 3
Tues, January 24	Exodus 4, Exodus 5, Exodus 6
Wed, January 25	Exodus 7, Exodus 8, Exodus 9
Thur, January 26	Exodus 10, Exodus 11, Exodus 12
Fri, January 27	Exodus 13, Exodus 14, Exodus 15
Saturday	REST

### WEEK 5: COMMUNITY 2: SINAI

“And now, O Israel, what does the Lord require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all God’s ways and love God, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul to keep the Lord’s commandments?”

#### Scripture Reading Plan for the Week of January 30-February 3

Mon, January 30	Exodus 16- 22
Tues, January 31	Exodus 23- 24, Exodus 32, Exodus 34, Exodus 40
Wed, February 1	Numbers 9-14
Thur, February 2	Deuteronomy 26-30
Fri, February 3	Deuteronomy 31-34

Saturday REST

#### WEEK 6: CONQUEST

“God’s mission is to mend a broken universe; God will not abandon creation to the ruin that humanity’s sin has brought upon it. And God’s plan to mend the universe is to bless the whole world through God’s people, the children of Israel.”

#### Scripture Reading Plan for the Week of February 6-10

Mon, February 6	Joshua 1-8
Tues, February 7	Joshua 22-24
Wed, February 8	Judges 1-4
Thur, February 9	Judges 5-8
Fri, February 10	Judges 19-21
Saturday	REST

#### WEEK 7: CROWN

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will be converted to you.”

#### Scripture Reading Plan for the Week of February 13-17

Mon, February 13	1 Samuel 1-3, 1 Samuel 7-15
Tues, February 14	1 Samuel 16-20, 1 Samuel 24-31
Wed, February 15	2 Samuel 1-2, 2 Samuel 5-7,
Thur, February 16	2 Samuel 11-12, 1 Kings 1-3
Fri, February 17	1 Kings 6-11
Saturday	REST

#### WEEK 8: CONCEIT

“If we are ever to fulfill the covenant the Lord God made with Abraham, to be a blessing to the peoples of the world, then perhaps we are to begin by being a blessing to the people among whom we are living right now.”

#### Scripture Reading Plan for the Week of February 20-24

Mon, February 20	1 Kings 12-19, 2 Kings 2-5, 2 Kings 17-25
Tues, February 21	Isaiah 1, Isaiah 5-7, Isaiah 38-43, Isaiah 51-53, Isaiah 64
Wed, February 22	Jeremiah 1-8, Jeremiah 11, Jeremiah 24-33, Jeremiah 52
Thur, February 23	Ezekiel 4-11, Ezekiel 34-37, Daniel 1-6, Ezra 1, Ezra 3-6
Fri, February 24	Ezra 9-10, Nehemiah 1-13, Malachi 1-4
Saturday	REST

## WEEK 9: CHRIST

“Yes, it is hard to believe. Yet thus we do believe. Jesus is God. Yest he laid aside his divine power and lived life just as you and I do. But unlike us, Jesus never sinned. Everything he did was in obedience to the will of the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

### Scripture Reading Plan for the Week of February 27-March 2

Mon, February 27	John 1-4
Tues, February 28	John 5-8
Wed, February 29	John 9-12
Thur, March 1	John 13-15
Fri, March 2	John 16-18
Saturday	REST

## WEEK 10: CROSS

“And it is here, in a garden, that the new creation begins, on the first day of the week. God has been faithful to the covenant promises of Scripture, even when those who have been reading those same Scriptures have rejected the very One that the Scriptures have pointed to.”

### Scripture Reading Plan for the Week of March 5-9

Mon, March 5	John 19, 1 Cor 1:18-25
Tues, March 6	John 20
Wed, March 7	John 21
Thur, March 8	Matthew 26:17-27:66
Fri, March 9	Matthew 28
Saturday	REST

## WEEK 11: CHURCH

“But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God’s instruments to do God’s work and speak out for God, to tell others of the night-and-day difference God made for you – from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.”

### Scripture Reading Plan for the Week of March 12-16

Mon, March 12	Acts 1-10
Tues, March 13	Acts 11-20
Wed, March 14	Acts 21-28
Thurs, March 15	1 Peter 1-5
Fri, March 16	Philippians 1-4
Saturday	REST

## WEEK 12: CONSUMMATION

“My prayer is that you will choose the story of God and that you will come to experience the fullness of life in the new creation – the forgiveness of sins, a return from the alienation of exile

and the vocation of partnering in the mission of God to heal and restore shalom to all that is broken in God's beautiful world."

Scripture Reading Plan for the Week of March 19-23

Mon, March 19	Revelations 1-5
Tues, March 20	Revelations 12-13
Wed, March 21	Revelations 19-22
Thur, March 22	Psalms 95-100
Fri, March 23	Daniel 7-12
Saturday	REST