

Bible Reading Plan -- the Bible Chronologically

Introduction

How do you introduce a prisoner to Jesus? There are several approaches used in jail and prison ministry. The method I chose to use was to have the prisoners I was working with read what God had to say in the Bible. Only one prisoner has completed the process of reading through the entire Bible. He is now leading another prisoner through the process as he goes through the Bible a second time.

This process began over 18 months ago when a good friend from church introduced me to jail ministry. I was assigned several young men to visit, but one in particular seemed open to this process. He was being kept in isolation and at the time I began visiting him the death penalty was hanging over his head. I'm quite certain that he was willing to talk with me just to get out of his cell. If that required reading his Bible then he would do it. We began with John and when he completed that we started to read through the Bible.

In the beginning I wrote and just gave him the readings for the week. Over time I saw the need to provide some commentary and questions to assist him in his reading. That is how this document began. The notes from John have been merged in with the daily readings. I chose a chronological reading plan because I felt that was the best way to understand the story of God. It isn't a perfect chronology, but it seemed to work.

The comments are not all original with me. I've attempted to identify sources where they were identifiable. The comments are not intended to answer every theological question. Instead, they are intended to provide answers to some of the obvious questions that a first-time reader of the Bible might have.

This document is a work in progress. I'm going through it again attempting to improve the comments, add questions, and make the format more consistent. I would appreciate your help. If you have received a copy of this please send me your email address so that I can send you updated versions when they are available. I encourage you to contact me with questions and corrections as you work with this material.

I may attempt to turn this into a book someday. For now, you are free to use this for ministry without charge.

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