

# Lenten Reading Plan

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It's a common practice during the 40 days of Lent to be especially intentional about setting aside time for daily Scripture reading and reflection. Let's claim this practice again this year by reading through the Gospel of John together.

As you read, you're encouraged to use the SOAP Method for keeping a spiritual journal, as taught at New Hope Christian Fellowship in Hawaii.

## *S = Scripture*

Read the Bible passage for the day. Copy the verse that catches your attention word for word into your journal.

## *O = Observation*

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- Our world?
- Ourselves?

## *A = Application*

How your life be different today because of what you have read.

- Lessons to be learned
- Examples to be followed or avoided
- Promises to be claimed and enjoyed
- Character trait of God revealed
- Deeds to start, continue, or stop

## *P = Prayer*

Write out a prayer for yourself and others based on what you read today.

You'll also notice an action provided for each reading. The action is designed to help bring the scripture to life. While everyone is encouraged to participate, performing the action may be especially helpful for children.



☐ Sunday, February 26      Worship and Rest

☐ Monday, February 27      John 1:1-28  
*Decide when and where you will do your daily Lenten reading. Mark it in your calendar as an appointment with Jesus, the Word made flesh.*

☐ Tuesday, February 28      John 1:29-51  
*"Come and see." Invite friends and family to one or more of the church Holy Week or Easter events.*

☐ Wednesday, March 1      John 2:1-25  
*Pray that the presence and glory of the Lord would be revealed in our church, never abused or misused.*

☐ Thursday, March 2      John 3:1-21  
*Pray for all who have spiritual questions that they would find the truth and light of Christ.*

☐ Friday, March 3      John 3:22-36  
*What must become less in your life so that Jesus may become greater?*

☐ Saturday, March 4      John 4:1-42  
*Have a conversation with a person you would not normally speak with.*

☐ Sunday, March 5      Worship and Rest

☐ Monday, March 6      John 4:43-54  
*Pray for all who are seriously ill and for those who love them, that they would experience Christ's healing power.*

☐ Tuesday, March 7      John 5:1-18  
*Pray for persons who would rather make excuses than be well.*

☐ Wednesday, March 8      John 5:19-47  
*Make a list of the places and situations where you see the Father "at work." Where is the Father inviting you to join in?*

☐ Thursday, March 9      John 6:1-21  
*Make a homemade meal or snack and share it with others.*

☐ Friday, March 10      John 6:22-59  
*If you are medically able, eat nothing but bread and water for breakfast and lunch.*

☐ Saturday, March 11      John 6:60-71  
*Pray for persons who have walked away from faith in Jesus Christ.*

☐ Sunday, March 12      Worship and Rest

☐ Monday, March 13      John 7:1-31  
*Do some people watching. Look at every person as someone loved by God, as someone Jesus died for. Confess when you have judged someone by their appearance and vow to stop.*

☐ Tuesday, March 14      John 7:32-52  
*Exercise or work outside. When you are finished, drink some cold water. Pause to thank the Spirit for being a stream of living water flowing within you.*

☐ Wednesday, March 15      John 8:1-30  
*Light a candle in a darkened room. Reflect on Jesus, the Light of the World.*

☐ Thursday, March 16      John 8:31-59  
*Look at some family pictures. Who do you resemble? How do you resemble your Heavenly Father?*

☐ Friday, March 17      John 9:1-41  
*"I once was blind, but now I see." Write a one sentence testimony of your life before meeting Jesus and how your life is now. Send a copy to your pastor or small group leader.*

☐ Saturday, March 18      John 10:1-21  
*Spend fifteen minutes in complete silence (no phones, no computer, no music, no TV, no clocks). Listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd.*

☐ Sunday, March 19      Worship and Rest

☐ Monday, March 20      John 10:22-42  
*Pick up a stone. Think of the times you have misunderstood Jesus, maybe even wanted to hurt him. Now think of all He has done for you. Make amends.*

☐ Tuesday, March 21      John 11:1-16  
*In complete darkness, try to walk through your house or do some household chores. Turn on a light to appreciate the power and glory of Christ's light in our lives.*

☐ Wednesday, March 22      John 11:17-57  
*Pray for all who are dying or grieving the death of a loved one that they would trust in Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life.*

☐ Thursday, March 23      John 12:1-19  
*Find your most prized or expensive possession. Offer it up to Jesus for his use and glory. Be ready to make a real response.*

☐ Friday, March 24      John 12:20-50  
*"Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed." Spend some time with your hands in dirt. Plant seeds if possible.*

☐ Saturday, March 25      John 13:1-20  
*Spend time with water today. What needs to be cleansed in your life in order for you to better reflect Christ's servant heart?*

☐ Sunday, March 26      Worship and Rest

☐ Monday, March 27      John 13:21-38  
*Find a coin to symbolize the money Judas placed above Jesus. What material possession are you putting before Jesus?*

☐ Tuesday, March 28      John 14:1-14  
*Spend some time looking at a map of your area. Pray for persons to recognize Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*

☐ Wednesday, March 29 John 14:15-31  
*Put a rubber band or string around your wrist today as a reminder that the Holy Spirit lives within us to guide and counsel us. Consider leaving it on for several days.*

☐ Thursday, March 30 John 15:1-17  
*Maundy Thursday got its name in recognition of the night Jesus gave us the new commandment (mandatum in Latin) to "Love each other as I have loved you." Write a list of the people you come in contact with on a regular basis. How do you express your love for them? How is Jesus calling you to lay down your life for them as He did for us?*

☐ Friday, March 31 John 15:18-27  
*Say a special prayer for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted because of their faith in Jesus Christ. For more information go to [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)*

☐ Saturday, April 1 John 16:1-15  
*Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in a powerful way through your congregation's Easter events. Bring a friend to the events or volunteer to help.*

☐ Palm Sunday, April 2 Worship and Rest

☐ Monday, April 3 John 16:16-33  
*Write a short testimony of a time when God turned your grief into joy. Send it to your pastor or small group leader.*

☐ Tuesday, April 4 John 17:1-26  
*Say a special prayer today for the unity of God's family all over the world and that many would come to faith in Jesus Christ.*

☐ Wednesday, April 5 John 18:1-27  
*Claim Christ in a public way today. Share your testimony with someone or wear something that clearly identifies you as a Christ-follower.*

☐ Maundy Thursday, April 6 John 18:28-40  
*Wear purple today as a statement that you believe Jesus is King of kings.*

☐ Good Friday, April 7 John 19:1-30  
*Make a sign that says, "Jesus of Nazareth- King of the Jews." Write the letters slowly and deliberately. As you write them, reflect on your understanding of who Jesus is.*

☐ Holy Saturday, April 8 John 19:31-42  
*Spend some time smelling the different spices in your kitchen. As you smell them, reflect on Jesus' burial.*

☐ Easter Sunday, April 9 Celebrate!

☐ Monday, April 10 John 20:1-18  
*When Jesus rose, the grave clothes were left behind. Reflect on Jesus' bodily resurrection as you fold some clothes, a tissue, or a piece of cloth.*

☐ Tuesday, April 11 John 20:19-30  
*Use a nail, knife, or pencil to pierce a piece of fruit or meat. Reflect on the wounds of Christ and our need to believe without seeing.*

☐ Wednesday, April 12 John 21:1-14  
*Say a special prayer for all who feel far from God because of their words or deeds.*

☐ Thursday, April 13 John 21:15-25  
*Show the love of God by feeding the birds or other creatures that live in your community.*

