

READING

The following plan is designed to take you through the New Testament in one Year and the Old Testament in two years.

Oct. 2 - Ezek 35, Ps 23-24	Oct. 5 - Ezek 38, Ps 28-29	Oct. 8 - Ezek 41, Ps 32
Oct. 3 - Ezek 36, Ps 25	Oct. 6 - Ezek 39, Ps 30	Oct. 9 - Ezek 42, Ps 33
Oct. 4 - Ezek 37, Ps 26-27	Oct. 7 - Ezek 40, Ps 31	Oct. 10 - Ezek 43, Ps 34

PRAYING

This information is intended to help you pray for specific needs in our congregation and the world. Updates to prayer requests for individuals will be added as information is provided.

The following web site lists "All of the prayers of the Bible" alphabetically by who prayed. It leaves out many (Psalms most notably), but reviewing them may stimulate faith and help refine our approach to God.

<http://hannahscupboard.com/bible-prayers.html>

For Our Mission

Grow Together

"There are many elements that go into the total concept of fellowship, as it is described in the New Testament, but the sharing together in suffering is one of the most profitable. It probably unites our hearts together in Christ more than any other aspect of fellowship." - Jerry Bridges

For Our World

- Praise God for two new believers in Spain where the Yinger's (Knollwood, London, ON) minister. Pray for growth in these lives.
- From the web site of International Justice Mission Canada: "Seeking justice doesn't begin at the door of a brothel. Seeking justice begins with seeking the God of justice" - Bethany Hoang, Deepening the soul for Justice

For Our Congregation

- For the following people who continue to struggle with a variety of health issues: David Wilson, Pat Dermenjian; Lynda Weber (Dave Weber's wife); Will Truppe; Michele Nielsen
- Steve Field is now recovering at home
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WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

October 2, 2016

Pastor Mark Cuthbert



HEARING:

The Foolishness of God -#2

1 Corinthians 1:26 - 2:5 (pg. 1143)

1a. Think about the _____ of God (1:26-28)

...So don't trust _____!

1b. Put your confidence in _____ (1:29-31)

2a. Think about the _____ of God (2:1-4)

¶ ...So don't trust human _____

2b. Put your confidence in his _____ (2:5)

DEEPENING

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APPLYING

It's one thing to hear God's Word, it's another to apply it! Answering the questions on your own before your group meets will help you be fully engaged in the discussion.

Community Group Questions

1. Why does God so often save "nobodies"? What significance does your answer have for you personally?
2. Read the following verses and summarize how God's choice is contrary to what humans expect. Can you think of other examples of how God chooses contrary to what people expect? Deuteronomy 7:7; Matthew 11:25; James 2:5 -
3. Talk about what it means to boast. What does it mean to "boast in the Lord"? What would it look like for someone to boast that way?
4. Read the following quote and discuss how it might apply to us. "Triumphalism" is a word used often to describe the American Church. How might this show up in Canadian Christian culture? :
When we tell outsiders about people in our church, do we instantly think of the despised and the lowly who have become Christians, or do we love to impress people with the importance of the men and women who have become Christians? Modern Western evangelicalism is deeply infected with the virus of triumphalism, and the resulting illness destroys humility, minimizes grace, and offers far too much homage to the money and influence and "wisdom" of our day.* (Carson, D. A., *The Cross and Christian Ministry*, p. 41)

*Mirriam-Webster defines Triumphalism – as an attitude or feeling of victory or superiority: as

 - a. the attitude that one religious creed is superior to all others
 - b. smug or boastful pride in the success or dominance of one's nation or ideology over others
5. Read 1 Corinthians 1:29 and 2:5. Talk about the implications of these verses for us this week. In other words, what are some ways you will be tempted to trust yourself, and how might you be tempted to rest on human wisdom instead of God's power?

REMEMBERING

Memorizing is one of the best ways of making truth stick. You can memorize something if you repeat it enough times. Try reading the verse 5 times a day until it sticks! Choose a part of it for your kids if needed.

"Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 1:31 ^(NIV)