

One Year Bible – Week 22

Summary: John Reading

Jesus spends his final moments teaching his disciples in the upper room. He prays what is sometimes referred to as his High Priestly Prayer, where he prays for himself, his disciples, and all believers. (Jn 17) Jesus is then arrested, tried, and crucified.

Summary: 2 Samuel Reading

David becomes king over Israel. God makes his covenant with David to bless his line and establish his throne. This covenant is fulfilled in Jesus, who as a descendant of David rules forever. David infamously commits adultery with Bathsheba. He then flees from his son Absalom who attempts to set himself up as king.

Things to Look For and Questions to Ponder as You Read:

- OT – David commits adultery with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite. He then has Uriah killed. (2Sa 11) After this, God sent Nathan the prophet to David and gave him a message. (2Sa 12) As you read through the conversation between David and Nathan and David's reaction after, what catches your attention? How else could David have responded to Nathan? Were there any surprises in the way David reacted to Nathan's judgment upon David? What picture do you get of David from this story? What was David's picture of God as shown from this story? – May 26-27
- NT – What do you notice as you read Jesus' High Priestly Prayer (Jn 17)? What does Jesus pray for? What assurances does he ask for in his prayer? What is his desire for his disciples? For all believers? What does this passage tell us about Jesus? How does this passage reveal to us what God wants for us? Does this prayer change or affirm your approach to God? – May 28

Small Group Questions:

- 1) NT – In a teaching conversation with his disciples, Jesus makes this pointed statement: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6) Is there a word or group of words that catches your attention in this verse? What is Jesus saying in this statement to his disciples? What does this verse contribute to the question of spiritual people or people in other religions being right with

God? How does this verse impact the way you share your faith with others?
– May 24

- 2) OT – What repetition do you notice in David's prayer after God had made his covenant with David? (2Sa 7:18-29) Why do you think this is important to David? What is David's motive through his prayer; what does he acknowledge as the reason for asking God to fulfill his promise? (v 26) How easy or difficult is it to have the same motive that David expressed here? What could you do encourage other believers to develop a greater, God centered perspective, similar to what David shows here in his prayer? – May 25
- 3) NT – Have someone read John 15:5. Why do you think Jesus chose to use the analogy of a vine? Spend a moment reading the context of John 15:5. What is Jesus talking about here? Who are the branches? What are the effects of a branch that does not remain in Jesus? What does it mean to remain in Jesus? Another version translates "remain" as "abide." What are some ways that you could practice abiding in Jesus more than what you currently do? – May 26

Journal the Psalms this week:

"Turn my heart toward your statues and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things." (Ps 119:36-37a) Sometimes it is easy to focus primarily on our actions as we consider knowing and following God. These verses from Psalm 119 speak of a different focus in relationship with God; our heart and desires. Journal about your reflections from these verses. Why do you think the Psalmist prays in this way? What is the prayer of your heart? Can you relate to these words from the Psalmist? Ask God to work in your heart and journal your thoughts on this in prayer. – May 25

Reading Schedule:

2Sa = 2 Samuel / Jn = John / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



May 24 – 2Sa 4:1-6:23 / Jn 13:31-14:14 / Ps 119:17-32 / Pr 15:31-32
May 25 – 2Sa 7:1-8:18 / Jn 14:15-31 / Ps 119:33-48 / Pr 15:33
May 26 – 2Sa 9:1-11:27 / Jn 15:1-27 / Ps 119:49-64 / Pr 16:1-3
May 27 – 2Sa 12:1-31 / Jn 16:1-33 / Ps 119:65-80 / Pr 16:4-5
May 28 – 2Sa 13:1-39 / Jn 17:1-26 / Ps 119:81-96 / Pr 16:6-7
May 29 – 2Sa 14:1-15:22 / Jn 18:1-24 / Ps 119:97-112 / Pr 16:8-9
May 30 – 2Sa 15:23-16:23 / Jn 18:25-19:22 / Ps 119:113-128 / Pr 16:10-

