



FEBRUARY

DAILY READINGS

Welcome to February's Reading Plan. Jesus "opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures" (Lk 24:45). Our prayer is that you would gain understanding as a result of God opening your mind as you read His word & apply it to your life & the church."

Sunday, Jan 30th | Foundations "Out Parenting"

- [31] Gen 2:18-25; Prov 18:1 | Why are friendships essential to humans? Do you value friends in the same way as this Proverbs verse says? Do you see the foolishness in living life apart from them?
- [1] Prov 1:10-15; 13:20; 22:24-25 | What do these verses teach about our choice of friends? Are there some friendships in your child's life or in your life that are unwise or harmful?
- [2] Prov 11:13; 18:24; 17:9,17; Eccl 4:9-10 | What do these verses say about friendships? How can you encourage your child to be a more constant & trustworthy friend?
- [3] Prov 27:5-9,17; 28:23; 29:5 | How can you encourage your child to have friends that speak truth & to be that type of friend? Discuss specific ways they can encourage their friends with words. Pray with your child for opportunities & the strength to speak & practice truth in love in their relationships.
- [4] Prov 12:25; 3:5-6; 1 Cor 13:4-7 | Discuss with your child how he/she can use friendships to build God's kingdom? How can they be better at sharing & applying the Gospel in their friendships? Pray with your child that they will be a friend who protects, trusts, hopes & perseveres.
- [5] Prov 18:24; 20:6; 27:10 | What do these verses say about friends? Ask God for wisdom in evaluating & choosing friends.

Sunday, Feb 6th | Daniel Daniel 1

- [7] Go to www.thebibleproject.com/explore/daniel and watch the video. Write down anything (observations or questions) that stands out to you.
- [8] Dan 1:1-7,9,17 | What can you learn about God's sovereignty in these verses? How can you apply this to your life?
- [9] Dan 1:1-7 | How do the tactics used to orient Daniel & his friends to Babylon parallel the pressures we as Christians face today in a secular world? What important resolutions (resolves) can you make in order to have victory?
- [10] Dan 1:8-16 | Why were the food regulations of the Old Testament law so important to Daniel? How can you determine which activities you will engage in & which you won't? What can you learn from Daniel's attitude & actions about how to respond when your biblical values are challenged?
- [11] Dan 1:17-21; Jn 17:14-19 | What were the results of Daniel & his friends being faithful to God? Who are the friends that have been encouraging you in your walk with the Lord? How can you better support & encourage each other?

[12] Jer 29:7 | What does Jeremiah encourage exiles to do? How can you bless those who don't know the Lord, but with whom you rub shoulders?

Sunday, Feb 13th | Daniel Daniel 2

- [14] Daniel 2:1-18 | Imagine yourself in Daniel's situation. How would you & your friends respond? What can you learn from Daniel's example about how to react to a crisis?
- [15] Dan 2:19-23 | How did Daniel respond to God answering his prayer? How do you respond to answered prayer? What attributes of God does Daniel emphasize? What reasons do you have to praise God for these same things?
- [16] Prov 1:7; Dan 2:18-23 | Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord. Daniel 2 reveals that God is the one "to whom belong wisdom & might." God gives this wisdom to those who seek to know God. Is there an area in your life in which you need wisdom?
- [17] Dan 2:1-49 | What aspects of Daniel's character do you believe are strengths that God wants to develop in you? How have you seen Him working & how are you responding?
- [18] Dan 2:27-47 | What did Daniel want the king to know about the true God? What ways does this ensure that God alone gets the credit for being the revealer of mysteries? What do you want your unbelieving friends/co-workers to know about God?
- [19] Dan 2:1-49 | How does the picture of God in this chapter encourage you to trust Him with your life & circumstances?

Sunday, Feb 20th | Daniel Daniel 3

- [21] Dan 3:1-7 | In what circumstances have you been pressured to compromise what is right? What can we learn from Daniel's 3 friends about taking a stand against authority?
- [22] Dan 3:8-18 | What temptations did the 3 friends face when brought before the king? What excuses are you tempted to use for not standing up for God? What were Daniel's friends certain of in their response to the king's challenge & of what were they uncertain? How does their example encourage you when faced with the possibility of losing your job or friends because of your refusal to compromise God's Word?
- [23] Dan 3:1-18 | Daniel's 3 friends exhibited great courage in the face of extreme suffering. What made them able to choose such courage? Where do you think they found the strength? List examples of dangers you may face today that requires courage like that shown by Daniel's friends.
- [24] Dan 3:19-29; Isa 43:1-2; Psa 91:9-12 | Who is the 4th person in the fiery furnace? What does His presence in the fiery furnace teach us about God's relationship with His people? How does the description (v27) of the 3 friends after they came out of the fire encourage you about God's ability to protect & care for His people?
- [25] Seek to memorize Daniel 3:17-18. Daniel's friends exhibited strong convictions regarding the nature of God & His trustworthiness, even in the face of suffering. Name 1 or 2 convictions about God that you have embraced, acted on & are willing to suffer for. What might shake these convictions? What might make them stronger?
- [26] Dan 3:1-30 | Take time to renew your commitment to Jesus as Lord over your life. Ask Him to give you the courage & grace to seek to please Him first.