

2010 BIBLE READING PLAN

PART TWO

MARCH 8TH - APRIL 4TH

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to New Hope's Bible Reading Plan (BRP) for 2010. We will focus on one chapter per week. This strategy allows you to really dig into the chapter and gain a solid handle on what it means. Repeated reading also provides time to prayerfully develop personal application, which is the goal of good Bible study.

The Book of Acts is where we will start. Acts was written by Luke, a doctor and well-respected historian who also wrote one of the biographies of Jesus. Luke not only conducted extensive research (Luke 1:1-4), but also was a traveling companion of Paul and his ministry team (Colossians 4:14). Acts is the history of the church as it began right after Jesus' resurrection. You will witness Jesus' disciples transform into powerful leaders as the church experiences phenomenal growth while being increasingly opposed by powerful enemies who try to crush it. If you like action, drama, intrigue, and stories of heroism, you will love Acts!

GUIDELINES FOR A WEEK

DAY 1

Read the entire chapter in one reading. Since it will only take 5-7 minutes, you can do this a few more times today.

DAY 2

Repeat reading through the entire chapter like you did on Day 1.

DAY 3

As you read, underline or highlight key words that stand out as important to you. What words are repeated? Are there any you don't understand? If so, look up the meaning in a dictionary. Does a word or phrase remind you of something you've heard before?

DAY 4

Read though the chapter again with your highlighted and underlined words. What are some key themes or big ideas that you notice? Is there something that the writer seems to be focusing on? Is there a topic that this reading has made you think about?

DAY 5

This is application day. Read the chapter again and look for one thing that God is showing you in this chapter. Here are some questions to help you find something:

- Is there something to be grateful for?
- Is there a sin to confess or avoid?
- Is there an attitude I need to change or adopt?
- Is there an example I should follow?
- Is there a new thought about God to guide my prayer?
- Is there a promise to claim from God?

DAY 6

Read the chapter and underline a verse or verses that have meant the most to you this week. Copy them onto a note card and put it in a place where you will see them often – refrigerator door, computer screen, dashboard, daily planner, bathroom mirror...

Get ready to watch God work!

MARCH 8TH

Monday, March 8 Week 10, Day 1

Tuesday, March 9 Week 10, Day 2

Wednesday, March 10 Week 10, Day 3

Thursday, March 11 Week 10, Day 4

Friday, March 12 Week 10, Day 5

Saturday, March 13 Week 10, Day 6

Sunday, March 14 Week 10, Day 7 Day Off



ACTS 10

MARCH 15TH

Monday, March 15 Week 11, Day 1

Tuesday, March 16 Week 11, Day 2

Wednesday, March 17 Week 11, Day 3

Thursday, March 18 Week 11, Day 4

Friday, March 19 Week 11, Day 5

Saturday, March 20 Week 11, Day 6

Sunday, March 21 Week 11, Day 7 Day Off



ACTS 11

MARCH 22ND

Monday, March 22 Week 12, Day 1

Tuesday, March 23 Week 12, Day 2

Wednesday, March 24 Week 12, Day 3

Thursday, March 25 Week 12, Day 4

Friday, March 26 Week 12, Day 5

Saturday, March 27 Week 12, Day 6

Sunday, March 28 Week 12, Day 7 Day Off



ACTS 12

MARCH 29TH

Monday, March 29 Week 13, Day 1
Tuesday, March 30 Week 13, Day 2
Wednesday, March 31 Week 13, Day 3
Thursday, April 1 Week 13, Day 4
Friday, April 2 Week 13, Day 5
Saturday, April 3 Week 13, Day 6
Sunday, April 4 Week 13, Day 7 Day Off



ACTS 13

Each day of the week, you will have a specific focus for your reading as you spend time with God. A simple approach that has helped many in growing their faith is captured in the acrostic **PRAY**.

Start off with **Prayer**. Ask God to speak to you as you read and to help you understand what He wants you to learn. It helps to be in a place that has as few distractions as possible. Next **Read** with an open mind and teachable heart. **Analyze**. This is where you use a pen or pencil to make notes, underline, and highlight what stands out to you in your Bible or a notebook. The daily BRP guide will help you with this. Don't hesitate to make notes in your Bible. Remember God wants us to learn from it, not merely admire it! A notebook or journal is a great way to track what you are learning and to jot down follow-up questions. You will also find room in the BRP for journaling or you may want to get a special notebook. You can also use your computer to capture your ideas, insights, and questions. Finally, **Yield**. End your Bible reading by asking God to help you apply what you are learning so you will grow in your faith and be better prepared for the work He has for you to do with Him and His church.

Be ready to learn, grow, and experience closer fellowship and friendship with God!

