

Bible Reading Together during this Covid-19 Shutdown

During this Coronavirus shutdown, and with prolonged absence from the physical church, this program is meant to help us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus so that God's Words remain close to our hearts, and in the discussions around the dinner table and living room sofas.

Let's read the Bible together - a chapter from Old Testament and a chapter from the New Testament, and make it a time to discuss with your family and friends as a way to form our faith. And as always, you can contact Pastor Jin (jobae456@gmail.com) for questions and thoughts.

August 23-29, 2020: Read Genesis 1 & Gospel of Luke 1

Genesis 1

Our Bible begins with a glorious account of creation. We don't know what happened before this. All we know is that God is present, and then this God began his creative work. It reveals God's awesome power (he doesn't have to lift a finger!), and his infinitely wise planning. And what a glorious creation it is! Even God is pleased, "God saw that it was good."

Further Study & Discussion

- Reflect on God's awesome power from day to day. And imagine how God is actively at work in your life from day to day. Does it offer you comfort?
- This may be a great time to talk about what you believe about God's creation in light of the schools teaching on the theory of evolution. What is your position? As people that value both science and God's Word, do you have a position that is able to value both? There are a handful of different Christian positions on creation. Perhaps use this time to search online, and if you need help with the discussion, contact Pastor Jin.
- Also see how Day 6 ended with God's comment, "It is very good" (v.31). All other times, it was "good." Only this day is declared, "very good." What was created on Day 6 and why was that very good?
- What do you think are some of the main teachings of Genesis 1?

Gospel of Luke 1

We are introduced to the birth story of John the Baptist, and it is through this gospel that we learn John and Jesus were related. And in his miraculous birth, John's mother Elizabeth supported the frightened young Mary the mother of Jesus. Mary's Song describes God's careful preparation for Jesus' coming.

Further Study & Discussion

- Zechariah must have prayed a long time for a child of his own (v.13). What does this say about prayer and timeliness of God's answer?
- God tells Zechariah what his son will become (v.14-17). God oftentimes informs the parents of God's plan for their children. Do you know what plans God has for your children? Have you asked of God?
- When Mary was confused about God's instruction, God told her to go visit Elizabeth (v.36). There are times when we are confused, and God has already prepared people to help you. Are there people in your life you go to when you are confused? When was the last time you did so?