

## One Year Bible – Week 21

### **Summary: John Reading**

Jesus gives a blind man sight and then uses this healing as an illustration of his mission. He uses a common example of a shepherd to describe himself. He raises Lazarus from the dead. Finally our reading takes us into Jesus' final moments with his disciples.

### **Summary: 1 & 2 Samuel Reading**

This week we read the majority of the life of David prior to becoming king. David and Saul's son Jonathan pledge an oath of deep friendship to one another. David flees from Saul and Saul pursues him. After a long time Saul takes his own life. David is anointed king of Judah.

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

- OT – As you read in Samuel, pay attention to how David and Saul relate with one another. They are very different in many ways. Jot down observations that you make during your reading about how Saul thinks/speaks/acts toward David and vice versa. Pay particular attention to those observations that reveal elements of the character of each as it is glorifying or irreverent to God.
- NT – Don't read too quickly. The shortest verse in the Bible is loaded with significance for us to understand this God we serve. John 11:35 simply says, "Jesus wept." Though Jesus was about to raise Lazarus from the dead and he knew the eternal plan of God, yet still Jesus grieved the dying of his friend Lazarus. This small verse shows us the compassion that Jesus has and the human emotion that Jesus experienced during his incarnation. Jesus was fully God and yet fully human. Moreover this is another example of where we can see that Jesus is not only wise and righteous, but also compassionate and loving.

### **Small Group Questions:**

- 1) NT – Jesus heals a man born blind in John chapter 9. When questioned by the Pharisees to testify that Jesus was a sinner the healed man said these words: "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know, I was blind but now I see!" (Jn 9:25) What observations do you make of this man's response? How do you think this man felt about his healing from Jesus? Toward the Pharisees questioning him? Does

the response of this man raise any thoughts or questions about your own testimony of who Jesus is and what he has done in your life? – May 17

- 2) NT – In the middle of a monologue about being the good shepherd Jesus makes this revealing summary statement about his purpose on earth: "I have come that they (those who follow Jesus) may have life, and have it to the full." (Jn 10:10b) Another translation puts it "have life, and might have it abundantly." What do you think is meant by "life to the full" or "life abundantly"? Do you consider yourself to be living life to the full; life abundantly? Why or why not? What are some possible suggestions to live more consistently with, or more aware of, this desire of Jesus for us to live life to the full? – May 18
- 3) OT – Take a few moments to allow everyone to read 2Sam 1:1-2:7 with the following question in mind: What observations do you make about the way David handles the death of Saul? Why do you think David responds this way to someone who was clearly his enemy? What does this episode in David's life teach us as we strive to live a life that honors God? – May 22

### **Journal the Psalms this week:**

Grace, righteousness, compassion... How do these qualities fit together? Righteousness is above reproach, one might even say perfection. Compassion is a heart of concern for the needy and afflicted. Grace is giving what is not deserved. The Bible says that God is all three (Ps 116:5); journal your reflection on this verse and its context. If you have not already done so, begin making a list somewhere, maybe in the cover of your Bible, of attributes of God that are displayed in Scripture and where. – May 19

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### **Reading Schedule:**

1Sa = 1 Samuel / 2Sa = 2 Samuel / Jn = John / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



May 17 – 1Sa 20:1-21:15 / Jn 9:1-41 / Ps 113:1-114:8 / Pr 15:15-17  
May 18 – 1Sa 22:1-23:29 / Jn 10:1-21 / Ps 115:1-18 / Pr 15:18-19  
May 19 – 1Sa 24:1-25:44 / Jn 10:22-42 / Ps 116:1-19 / Pr 15:20-21  
May 20 – 1Sa 26:1-28:25 / Jn 11:1-53 / Ps 117:1-2 / Pr 15:22-23  
May 21 – 1Sa 29:1-31:13 / Jn 11:54-12:19 / Ps 118:1-18 / Pr 15:24-26  
May 22 – 2Sa 1:1-2:11 / Jn 12:20-50 / Ps 118:19-29 / Pr 15:27-28  
May 23 – 2Sa 2:12-3:39 / Jn 13:1-30 / Ps 119:1-16 / Pr 15:29-30