



~~~~~ *Year of the Bible* ~~~~~ *Frequently Asked Questions* ~~~~~

2018 - Reading Scripture Together, Binging Us in Unity

- ***Do we have meetings to attend? Is there a cost?***

No meetings, this is like independent study. There will be small groups available for those who wish to discuss their reading each month, but those will be completely optional. There is a modest cost (\$6.00) for your guide, which organizes the readings, adds some commentary, and lets you track your progress.

- ***How much time will this take? How many will sign up for Year of the Bible?***

Generally, 20 minutes a day will cover two or three chapters. It would be great for the entire congregation to sign up, but a visual goal is “230” to recognize Unity’s Anniversary date.

- ***Which translation of the Bible should I have?***

Any translation can be used, but if you are making a new purchase you may find an NRSV (New Revised Standard Version) study Bible to be helpful. Some to look at are: the *New Oxford Annotated Bible*; the *Harper Collins Study Bible* or the *New Interpreters Study Bible*.

- ***What if I get behind in my daily reading?***

No worries! Just pick back up on the correct date when you can.

- ***Is there an audio option for traveling?***

Yes, two good options are the YouVersion HOLY BIBLE app or the Bible Gateway app. Both are Apple, Android and Windows compatible.

- ***Can I stop and start again if something unexpected happens?***

Of course! Life happens, and you would catch back up when your schedule clears by jumping right to the date the group is reading.

- ***Can we do this as a family?***

Yes! This is a great family activity to share. Families with children are encouraged to purchase a copy of the *Children’s Bible in 365 Stories* for ages 8-12 (\$10) or *The Children’s Everyday Bible: 365 Bible Stories for Children* (\$6.00 used on Amazon) or the *Spark Story Bible* for children ages 4-8 (\$19.99 new or \$7.50 used on Amazon) so you can all read together. Youth are welcomed and encouraged to participate by reading the entire Bible

- ***Is there a quiz or testing?***

No, this is for your own benefit.

- ***Is there a small group opportunity for further discussion?***

Small discussion groups may be offered either at Unity or in a work location for example, depending upon interest. A few monthly groups will be scheduled at a variety of times and other groups can develop organically.

- ***I've already read the Bible cover to cover, how will this be unique for me?***

There is no down side to re-reading passages that reveal God's word to us in different ways each time. Be part of our Unity wide initiative! Be a veteran encourager! You may be surprised how this group effort will draw us together as a congregation.

- ***I've never read the Bible cover to cover, will I feel overwhelmed or lost?***

No experience necessary! Reading the Bible cover to cover is a "bucket list" item for many people, and here is a way to accomplish this journey that is already organized for you into very "small steps". Be part of our Unity wide initiative!

- ***Is there a celebration planned at the end of the year?***

Good question! A big effort like this does deserve recognition and celebration. Plans are underway to both encourage folks in their journey during the year, and celebrate everyone's best efforts at the end.

Recommended Study Bibles:

The HarperCollins Study Bible: Fully Revised and Updated (NRSV). Harper One, 2006.

New Interpreter's Study Bible (NRSV), revised edition. Abingdon Press, 2003.

The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha: New Revised Standard Version, 4th ed. Oxford University Press, 2010.

Children's Bibles:

For ages 4-8: Chancellor, Deborah. *The Children's Everyday Bible: 365 Bible Stories for Children.* Dorling Kindersley, 2002. (Caution: Read stories before reading to your child to be sure you are comfortable with the way violence is portayed.)

OR *Spark Story Bible.* Augsburg Fortress, 2009.

For ages 8-12 Batchelor, Mary. *Children's Bible in 365 Stories, Reissue edition.* David C. Cook, 1995

Apps:

YouVersion Holy Bible app - <https://www.youversion.com/apps>

Bible Gateway Bible app - <https://www.biblegateway.com/app/>