

Reading Plans for Bible Clusters

There are many places you could start your group-reading of Scripture. Here are a few suggestions. It is highly recommended that you start a new chapter in each Cluster meeting. If you don't get through it, fine—but then urge everyone to read the rest of the chapter on their own. This way, you can keep moving through a Bible book and give the group a feeling of accomplishment.

Old Testament Storyline

1. Early history of humanity and Israel

Genesis (50 chapters) and Exodus 1-20

2. Getting settled in the land

Joshua (24 chapters), Judges (21 chapters) and Ruth (4 chapters)

3. Beginnings of the kingdom

1 Samuel (31 chapters) and 2 Samuel (24 chapters)

4. The kingdom divides

1 Kings (22 chapters) and 2 Kings (25 chapters)

5. Captivity and exile

Ezra (10 chapters), Nehemiah (13 chapters), Esther (10 chapters), and Daniel 1-6

Other Old Testament Writings

6. Psalms and Proverbs

Psalms 1, 2, 6, 22, 23, 27, 34, 40, 51, 57, 91, 103, 121 and Proverbs 1-9 and 31

7. Major Prophets

Isaiah, 6, 14, 40-42, 53, 60-66, Jeremiah 29-33, Lamentations (5 chapters), Ezekiel 1-3, 37, Daniel 7

8. Minor Prophets

Hosea (14 chapters), Jonah (4 chapters), Micah (7 chapters), Habakkuk (3 chapters), Zechariah (14 chapters)

New Testament

9. Gospels

Matthew (28 chapters), Mark (16 chapters), John (21 chapters)

10. The Christian storyline

Luke (24 chapters), Acts (28 chapters)

11. Paul's major epistles

Romans (16 chapters), 1 & 2 Corinthians (16/13 chapters), Galatians (6 chapters)

12. Other letters of Paul

Ephesians (6 chapters), Philippians (4 chapters), Colossians (4 chapters), 1 & 2 Thessalonians (5/3 chapters), 1 & 2 Timothy (6/4 chapters), Titus (3 chapters), Philemon (1 chapter)

13. Other New Testament writings

Hebrews (13 chapters), James (5 chapters), 1 & 2 Peter (5/3 chapters), Jude (1 chapter)

14. John's writings

Gospel of John (21 chapters), 1 & 2 & 3 John (5/1/1 chapters), Revelation (22 chapters)