

The Journey Uniting Church – Bible Reading Plan – Nov – Dec 2011

God's vision for our world is all grace and mercy in Jesus Christ. As you read these scriptures let the Holy Spirit infuse you with his power and conviction. Start praying for the 1-2 people you love who don't know him and invite them to one of our Christmas services Christmas Eve 630pm 11pm and Christmas day 9am – It's the most wonderful time of the year.

Week 1 Sunday 13th November

| Nov 13 | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
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| Psalm 23 | 2 Samuel 15 | 2 Samuel 18 | 2 Samuel 22 | 2 Samuel 23 | 1 Kings 2 |

David's kingdom endured through many trials. His ultimate trust was in God and he was thankful to God for God's faithfulness. Though trials came David trusted that goodness and mercy would follow him all his life.

Week 2 Sunday 20th November

| Nov 20 | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
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| Acts 1 | Isaiah 51:1-16 | Isaiah 52 | Isaiah 53 | Isaiah 54 | Isaiah 55 |

God's vision for the future is bold and clear. Over these two weeks we are meeting as a congregation and exploring together the vision for the future. God's people on a wave of the Holy Spirit from Golden Grove to Gawler and beyond - sharing Christ and serving the world. Take some time to ask the Holy Spirit to show you what your part in that vision. Share it with your small group.

Week 3 Sunday 27th November

| Nov 27 | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
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| Hebrews 13 | Hebrews 9 | Hebrews 10 | Hebrews 11 | Hebrews 12 | Hebrews 13 |

Hebrews is a clarion call back to the foundation of the faith - Jesus Christ crucified as the perfect sacrifice and way to God. It is the story of God's people and it is our story. What part of God's story is the Holy Spirit writing into your story this week? Would you share and pray about that with your small group?

Week 4 Sunday 4th December

| Dec 4 | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
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| Mark 3:1-6 | Matthew 1:18-2:23 | Matthew 3 | Matthew 4 | Matthew 5-6 | Matthew 7 |

Jesus came to usher in a kingdom. His purpose was to enter time and space, destroy the devil and gather a people for himself who will be the sign of the kingdom to come. Advent - the preparation for Christmas - is a time for us to understand who we are as God's people, why church exists and to pray for the coming of Christ's kingdom in our time and generation. Go for it!

Week 1 Sunday 11th December

| Dec 11 | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
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| Mark 3:7-19 | Mark 1 | Mark 2 | Mark 3 | Mark 4 | Mark 5 |

These passages are all about following Jesus. There is a fellowship with Jesus that comes by faith alone. A personal encounter with Jesus is more powerful than social pressures, family expectations, demonic powers and incurable sickness. Christmas brings many things but only one thing matters - following Jesus

Week 2 Sunday 18th December

| Dec 18 | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
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| Isaiah 9:1-7 | Luke 1:26-45 | Luke 1:46-66 | Luke 1:67-80 | Luke 2:1-20 | Luke 2:21-52 |

Getting ready for Christmas includes shopping for presents and food, gathering with friends and family. It is also about heaven invading earth with power, angels, promises and deliverance. We get to enjoy the human and familiar and we get to receive heaven's joy and power. Take some time to thank God and offer a financial gift to suffering people who need to feel heaven's touch. Don't forget to invite 1-2 people you love to one of our great Christmas services.

Week 3 Sunday 25th December

| Christmas Day | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
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| | John 1:1-34 | John 1:35-51 | John 2 | John 3 | John 4 |

Merry Christmas! As our nation moves into a much needed siesta and our waist lines recover take some time to feed on the Gospel. It's all good news and the perfect wind down to a big year. Take some time to pray for 1-2 people you love who don't know Christ - pray the words of John's Gospel over their life - and have them over for a bbq!

The Journey Bible Reading Plan ~ January 2012

Happy New Year! This year is the year of the story. God's story, your story and the Journey UC's story. 25 years ago a group of people gathered on Father's day 1987 to start a new congregation in Golden Grove. It was an act of faith and that act of faith has endured to this day.

Sunday 1st January 2012 ~ The year of the Story

| New years day | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
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| Genesis 12 | Genesis 15 Romans 4 | Genesis 16 Heb 11:8-19 | Genesis 17 Galatians 3 | Genesis 21 Galatians 4:21-31 | Genesis 22 |

Resolutions can seem attractive but it is only faith that lasts. Why don't you take the story of Abram into your heart and start this year believing the God is true and will lead you?

Week 1 Sunday 8th January 2012 ~ Freedom

| Jan 8 2012 | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
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| Exodus 12 | Exodus 13:17-14:21 | Luke 22:1-38 | 1 Corinthians 6 1 Corinthians 15:1-28 | Galatians 5 | Titus 2:11-3:15 |

God through Moses delivered his people from death through the Passover and safe passage through the red sea. Baptism and Holy Communion are signs of what God has done. Is it time to be baptised and/or to publicly confess your faith and trust in Christ as your saviour? Why don't you contact a pastor today?

Week 2 Sunday 15th January - Provision

| Jan 15 2012 | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
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| Exodus 16 | Exodus 17 | Hebrews 3 | Hebrews 4 | Hebrews 5 | Galatians 6 Matthew 6:9-15 |

Life is a journey. A journey is about following and persevering. God led his people through Moses. God leads all people through Jesus. Ask God to show you how to trust him more and rest in his complete provision for 2012.

Week 3 Sunday 22nd January ~ Proceed with confidence

| Jan 22 2012 | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
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| Joshua 1 | Joshua 3 | Joshua 4 | Matthew 28 | Acts 2 | Isaiah 43:1-25 |

Joshua led the people into the Promised Land. This is not told to justify colonial conquest or war. It is told because God wants us to know there is a spiritual and practical future for all God's people. This week on Tuesday January 24th our elders, pastors, preachers, small group leaders, worship leaders and youth leaders are gathering for a night of prayer and preparation for the year ahead. Pray for boldness that comes from humble expectancy before our Father and God. BE BOLD!

Week 4 Sunday 29th January 2012 Australia Day ~ How God blesses a nation

| Jan 29 2012 | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
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| Deut 10:8-22 | Micah 3:8-4:5 | Proverbs 14 | 2 Chronicles 7 | Romans 13 | 1 Timothy 1:12-2:8 |

The Christian world view founded on the New Testament understands that God sovereignly works through all the nations using Christian and non Christians alike. The bible has much to say about what will strengthen and weaken a nation before God. Wherever we are on the political spectrum, let us listen and attend to God's eternal word. God has placed his people in every nation to be agents of blessing to all peoples. To what action is God calling you?