

The Journey Uniting Church – Bible Reading Plan – June 2011

Week 1 Sunday 5th June – Founded on the resurrected Christ

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
5 th June	Acts 1:1-11	Acts 4:1-22	Psalm 16	Jn 5:16-28	Jn 11:1-44

A person who has lost all hope runs the risk of becoming negative, cynical and ultimately vindictive towards themselves and others. On the contrary, the person who is filled with hope, experiences joy, is positive and a pleasure to be around. Psalm 16: 6 states, *The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance* (NIV). That is what we have in Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life- the hope that even death, which is the final frontier, cannot separate us from our all the riches of God's kingdom! Ask the Holy Spirit to stir that truth in you this week- live in this hope!

Week 2 Sunday 12th June- It's not for you to know

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
12 th June	Matt 24:36-51	Daniel 4	Lament 3:1-33	Malachi 3	2 Corinthians 9

We want to know, we want to be in control. Even when it comes to church and our faith, we have a tendency to manufacture and create things that suit our needs. However, an accurate reading of the bible, encourages us to surrender to God's absolute sovereignty. Ironically, the peace and comfort that we strive for in all our efforts to be in control, allude us until we - through the grace of Jesus and the empowering of the Spirit- are able to submit to God's Sovereignty and ways in our life and church. This can be a process. Ask God to reveal His sovereignty to you this week that you may further submit to Him. One area in which God calls us to submit to Him- is in our finances. This coming Sunday, on the 19th June, there will be an opportunity to consider where this is at for you and The Journey.

Week 3 Sunday 19th June- Changing for a new generation

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
19 th Jun	Psalm 78:1-39	Matt 19:13-15	Isaiah 43	2 and 3 John	Psalm 71

At the Journey, we seek to be innovative and open to where God is leading us. Part of this is recognising that- to reach the next generations- we are open to foregoing our own preferences and inherited imagination due to our great love for them. We see this in Jesus, whilst maintaining his 'essence' as God- he incarnated himself into a particular cultural setting as a human being. The art to this is not compromising who we are, or where we come from, or our values- but being nimble and flexible through the power of the Spirit. Are you stuck in your ways or just going through the motions? Ask God to gently show you where He desires to stretch you!

Week 4 Sunday 26th June- Filled with awe, generous and growing

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
26 th Jun	Psalm 8	1 Chron 29:10-20	Job 40	Acts 17:16-34	Isaiah 29:13-21

It struck me, whilst considering this topic, that broadly speaking I/we can at times get so caught up in ourselves- with what we consider to be the good, bad or ugly- that we can miss God and what He is calling us to. Being filled with awe, on the otherhand, elicits a certain Holy abandonment. Is it possible to be captivated in such a way as to discover this state? Akin to permanently standing in front of the niagra falls, yet in such a way that we are never desensitised. May God will give us a glimpse of his awesomness this week as we study His word