

EPHESIANS X10

Bible Reading Challenge



Read Ephesians 10 times and write down your observations.

Reading the Bible and reflecting on what you read is a powerful way to discover Jesus. On Sundays this spring & summer, Emmanuel will be learning from a book of the bible called Ephesians. Over the next few months, I challenge you to read through Ephesians TEN times. It takes about 20 minutes to read through or you can read in smaller chunks. As you read, make some notes about what you observe and questions you have. Invite someone to do the challenge with you!

Bible Reading and Reflecting ideas:

Read a selection and discuss with family, a friend or LifeGroup, read a different Bible version, a study Bible or try an audio Bible, YouVersion, commentary, memorize a passage, draw, paint, write a poem or song, or create a post on social media about what you read. I'd love to see an infographic or zine based on Ephesians!

Let us know if you are doing the challenge! info@eefc.ca

In Christ, Kent

As you read you can try these suggestions:

___ **Section Summary/Key Verse** – summarize each chapter or section after reading. This is like making an outline of the book. You can select a verse that captures the main idea of each part of the letter.

___ **Key Words & Phrases**– Repetition in God's Word is not accidental. If you see words and phrases repeated, take note. As you read, note a few key words that are repeated and keep track of how many times they are used.

___ **Colour Code!** It's okay to write or make notes in your bible. Eefc.ca/resources has a bible study guide with colours suggested to mark certain observations. Try it! **Feelings**–red **Important People**–blue **Time**–yellow **Questions** –pink.

___ **Connecting or Transition Words** – Words like “now, because, therefore, so, since, but” show a relationship, an explanation, or a cause and effect. When you see a connecting word, determine its purpose for being there and make a note.

___ **Commands** – The Bible is full of commands. Some are one-time commands for specific individuals at a specific time. Others are for all God's people for all time. What are some of the instructions given?

___ **Contrasts and comparisons** – The Bible often compares and contrasts ideas to show how people or things are alike or different.

___ **Word pictures** – Similes and metaphors paints pictures that help us better understand spiritual truths.

___ **Pray Through Ephesians** – As you read a section of verses, read until there is something you can talk to God about. Just say a short prayer about that section. Then go onto the next verses.

___ **Application** – What does God want you to do about what you are reading in Ephesians? Application that causes us to act is personal, practical and specific.

___ **Read Out Loud**