

# Cityview Fall Series 2009

Daily Bible Reading Plan,  
Memory Verses  
And Personal Study Questions



This book is part of the New Testament Challenge at Cityview Baptist Church for the Fall Semester 2009. We are thankful for The Journey Church in New York City who has graciously made the concept and art work available to us for our adaption. You can keep up with the services on Sundays at Cityview at 10 AM. As well we would encourage you to join a Growth Group, so you will have a group of people to encourage you and share this LIFE journey with you. For more information see:

www.cityviewchurch.ca

Or email us at

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## Cityview Small Groups Calendar 2009/2010

The Cityview Community Groups Calendar is divided into 4 semesters. During the Fall semester all small groups will cover the same material in a church-wide growth cycle. However, in the winter, spring, and summer semesters, leaders may choose to use the sermon series or may choose a different curriculum in consultation with Pastor Craig.

<b>Fall Semester 2009</b> Sun, Sept 20—Sat, Dec 19 12 weeks + 1 (thanks giving)	<b>Winter Semester 2010</b> Sun, Jan 17—Sat, Apr 10 12 weeks	<b>Spring Semester 2010</b> Sun, Apr 25—Sat, July 3 10 weeks	<b>Summer Semester 2010</b> Sun, July 4—Sat, Aug 28 8 weeks
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### <sup>38</sup> LIFE Course Sundays

Sept 13, 2009  
Jan 10, 2010  
Apr 11, 2010  
July 11, 2010  
Sept 12, 2010

### Inspiration and Training Plan

Fall Kick-off: Friday, Sept 18, 2009, 7 PM

A meeting with small group leaders, coordinators, and hosts.

## ***Growth Group Responsibilities***

### **WHAT DOES MY GROWTH GROUP DO?**

- Meets together once a week.
- Serves together once a month. (Volunteers at Cityview on a Sunday)
- Reaches out together once a semester. (Participate in a City-view or GG Servant Evangelism experience.)
- Plays together once a semester. (Have a party, do something fun!)

### **WHAT DOES A GROWTH GROUP LEADER DO?**

- Pray for group members once a day.
- Lead the group once a week.
- Meet with Team Leader in a Growth Group Huddle at least once a semester.
- Form new groups from their current group once a semester.

### **WHAT DOES A GROWTH GROUP COORDINATOR DO?**

- Prepares to become a Growth Group Leader by serving as an apprentice who supports and assists the Group Leader
- Facilitates group discussion multiple times during the semester
- Prays for the group

#### ***Each week the Coordinator sends 2 e-mails to the group:***

*Record prayer requests and e-mail them to everyone in the group.*

*Send an attendance reminder e-mail to everyone in the group each week two days before the group is to meet (and before group events).*

**Personal Reflection & Study Questions  
after Message #1 and before your Cityview  
Growth Group Meeting**

**The Challenge of the New Testament**

1. What makes Jesus a controversial figure in our society today?
  
2. What challenge in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, is most confrontational to you at this stage of life?
  
3. Work out your reading plan for the New Testament Challenge:

Where will you keep your Bible, pen, journal?

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What time will you read or listen?

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Where will you sit or (stand if you are listening to the NT mp3s?)

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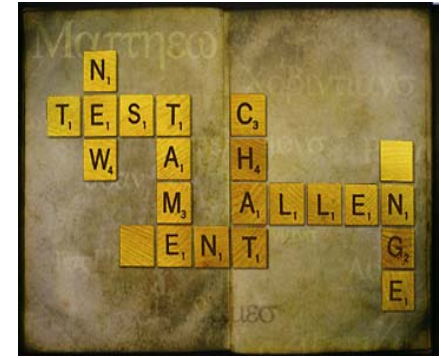
Which Growth Group are you a part of for encouragement and when do they meet?

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**Cityview**

Growth Groups Fall 2009



Sign up with the GG # on the Cityview Communication Card and the leader of the group will contact you with the specifics of their GG meeting.

<u>GG #</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Day &amp; Time</u>
R001	Craig O'Brien	Riley Park	Wed 7 PM
R002	Lalpi Guite	Riley Park	Thur 1 PM
K001	Jennifer Durham	SouthGranville	Mon 7 PM
S001	C & E O'Brien	Sunset	Thur 7:30 PM
M001	Damian & Eva Yap	MetroTown	Fri 7 PM

CR: Graham Langmead Cityview Wed 7 PM  
Celebrate Recovery is a weekly meeting with its own studies and process for encouraging people to grow through their hurts, habits, and hang-ups.

## Fall Semester 2009 Growth Groups Curriculum

### The New Testament Challenge

Cityview is asking all Growth Groups to use the New Testament Challenge. Over the 12 week period the whole church will be reading through the New Testament. Each week participants will be able to hear a relevant message in the weekly service at Cityview and will be able to follow the reading and Bible Study guide. When they meet in their small group, the members will be able to discuss what they are reading through a discussion of a New Testament theme.

#### Sept

- 20 The Challenge of the New Testament
- 27 The Challenge of Radical Love

#### Oct

- 4 The Challenge of Abiding
- 11 The Challenge of Gratitude  
(Thanksgiving—one week break)
- 18 The Challenge of Generosity
- 25 The Challenge of Perseverance

#### Nov

- 1 The Challenge of Forgiveness
- 8 The Challenge of Servanthood
- 15 The Challenge of Godliness
- 22 The Challenge of Obedience
- 29 The Challenge of Peacemaking

#### Dec

- 6 The Challenge of the City
- 13 The Challenge of Eternity

## THE NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE

### Daily Bible Reading Plan & Memory Verses

Week 1: September 20—September 26

#### Memory Verse

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29

Sunday	9/20	Matthew 1-4
Monday	9/21	Matthew 5-7
Tuesday	9/22	Matthew 8-9
Wednesday	9/23	Matthew 10-12
Thursday	9/24	Matthew 13-14
Friday	9/25	Matthew 15-17
Saturday	9/26	Matthew 18-20

**Personal Reflection & Study Questions  
after Message #2 and before your Cityview  
Growth Group Meeting**

**The Challenge of Radical Love**

1. When have you felt like you had enemies and what happened to make it so?
2. What is the challenge to loving enemies?
3. Why do you think love for enemies is a pinnical or radical expression of Jesus' call to love?
4. List ways that God's love through Jesus Christ changed your life.

**The "One Anothers": *God's plan for the family of Jesus.***

Loving one another	John 13:35
Fellowshipping with one another	1 John 1:1-7
Teaching one another	Romans 12:7, Colossians 3:16
Bearing one another's burdens	Galatians 6:2
Reproving one another	Titus 2:15
Exhorting one another	Romans 12:8
Praying for one another	James 5:16
Building one another up	1 Thessalonians 5:11
Encouraging one another	1 Thessalonians 5:11
Serving one another	Romans 12:7
Comforting one another	1 Thessalonians 4:18
Doing good to one another	Titus 3:14
Honoring/Respecting one another	Romans 12:10
Submitting to one another	1 Peter 5:5
Caring for one another	1 Corinthians 12:25
Confessing sins to one another	James 5:16
Forbearing with one another	Ephesians 4:2
Being kind to one another	Ephesians 4:32
Extending hospitality to one another	1 Peter 4:9
Not judging one another	Romans 14:5
Provoking one another to good works	Hebrews 10:24
Encouraging one another to meet together	Hebrews 10:25

## Prayer Guides

<b>Adoration</b>	Praise God for who He is.
<b>Confession</b>	Agree with God, confess and repent of sin.
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	Praise God for what He has done.
<b>Supplication</b>	Seek God for his supply, guidance and intervention for yourself; move into intercession—for his supply, guidance, and intervention in the lives of other people.

### The Disciples' Prayer (Also called the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.  
Matthew 6:9-13

### The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
as it is, not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His Will;  
That I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with Him  
Forever in the next.  
Amen.

--*Reinhold Niebuhr*

## THE NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE

### Daily Bible Reading Plan & Memory Verses

Week 2 September 27—October 3

#### Memory Verse

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. Matthew 5:44-45

Sunday	9/27	Matthew 21-22
Monday	9/28	Matthew 23-24
Tuesday	9/29	Matthew 25-26
Wednesday	9/30	Matthew 27
Thursday	10/1	Matthew 28
		Mark 1-2
Friday	10/2	Mark 3-5
Saturday	10/3	Mark 6-7

## Questions to Examine Scripture

### Personal Reflection & Study Questions after Message #3 and before your Cityview Growth Group Meeting

#### The Challenge of Abiding

1. What things pre-occupy your mind most of the day?
2. What are you doing through the week that you could not / would not do in the company of Jesus?
3. What regular or normal objects or patterns of your life could you use as triggers to pray / commune with God?

Does the Scripture show me:

- Sin to confess?
- Promise to claim?
- Attitude to change?
- Command to keep?
- Example to follow?
- Prayer to pray?
- Error to avoid?
- Truth to believe?
- Something to thank God for?

## Questions to Examine Me

“The fruit of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23

- How did I show *love* to others?
- Did I act in an unloving way toward anyone?
- Did others see in me the *joy* of having a personal relationship with Jesus? If not, why not?
- How was my serenity, my *peace*? Did anything happen that caused me to lose it? What was my part in it?
- Was I *patient*? What caused me to lose my patience? Do I owe anyone amends?
- Would anyone say that I was *kind/good*? In what ways did I act unkind?
- How was my *faithfulness*?
- Did I keep my word with everyone?
- How was my *gentleness* and *self-control*? Did I lose my temper, speak a harsh or unkind word to someone?



**Scripture:** Psalm 1:1-6

**Observation:**

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Not so the wicked!” Psalm 1-1-4

God says that who I listen to and model my life after, and who I take a stand with, has a great consequence on the general outcome of my life. If I delight in Him and in His Word then He promises that the outcome of my life will be more fruitful than those who don’t...in fact when life gets tough people who take great enjoyment in Him will be full of life.

**Application**

I must set aside regular time to meet God and to get His perspective on life and me from His Word. This Month I will meet God at 6:30 for 15 minutes each morning., starting tomorrow. I will use the book of John.

**Prayer**

Lord, I want to be like a tree planted by the water! Help me really live. Help me meet you. I want to know you. You know I have tried this in the past...please help me take each day with you. Lord obviously I’m going to have to turn off the TV and go to bed if I’m going to meet with you in the morning. So... well you know me Jesus. I love you. AMEN.

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE

**Daily Bible Reading Plan & Memory Verses**

Week 3 October 4—October 10

Memory Verse

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5

Sunday	10/4	Mark 8-9
Monday	10/5	Mark 10-11
Tuesday	10/6	Mark 12-13
Wednesday	10/7	Mark 14-15
Thursday	10/8	Mark 16
		Luke 1
Friday	10/9	Luke 2-3
Saturday	10/10	Luke 4-5

“I run in the path of your commands for you have set my heart free.”

Psalm 119:32

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”

Psalm 119:105

**Personal Reflection & Study Questions  
after Message #4 and before your Cityview  
Growth Group Meeting**

**The Challenge of Gratitude**

1. When are you most likely to feel entitled to something rather than grateful for it?

2. What do you think of this Q & A:

Q: What do you think is true of Vancouver Canadians?

A: They need someone to thank.

3. Make a list of all that you can give thanks to God for today.

Personal Devotion Guide

# ***Journal for LIFE***

Journaling is an excellent way to both record and process what God has spoken to us. It's a useful tool to use at a later time, to reflect on and review some of the “treasures” that you have received. Without writing them down, you may forget these blessings and some very important lessons!

**for Scripture**

**S** Open your Bible to Scripture that is part of your reading plan. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

**for Observation**

**O** What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Paraphrase and write this scripture down in your own words, in your journal.

**for Application**

**A** Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.

**for Prayer**

**P** This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.



The mission of Cityview is to create communities of devoted followers of Jesus Christ in Vancouver and around the world.

### 3 Wins for Cityview

We know we are winning when:

1. **People** who are far from God receive Jesus and begin the process of becoming LIFE-transformed followers of Jesus Christ.
2. **Community groups** are re-producing through the development of new leaders and dynamic caring relationships.
3. **New churches** are being started in Vancouver and around the world.

Our strategy for winning has three parts undergirded by leadership, prayer and faithfulness.

#### Spaces

Worship Gatherings  
Small Groups

#### Stances

Spiritual Disciplines  
Servanthood

#### Domains

Oikos & Neighbourhoods  
Building blocks of a City

Our vision of LIFE-transformed followers of Jesus Christ sees people who:



#### Love God with their all.

They joyfully live the Great Commandment and elevate Jesus as Lord in a community of worship and prayer.



**Include people in the grace of Jesus.** They build healthy and loving relationships for koinonia and evangelism.



#### Find freedom in the Truth.

They apply God's Word in their actions and attitudes for a new and freeing perspective on life and relationships.



#### Engage the world as a servant.

They infiltrate their circles of influence in the fullness of the Holy Spirit for gift-oriented, sacrificial service.

## THE NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE

### Daily Bible Reading Plan & Memory Verses

Week 4: October 11—October 17

#### Memory Verse

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Sunday	10/11	Luke 6-7
Monday	10/12	Luke 8-9
Tuesday	10/13	Luke 10-11
Wednesday	10/14	Luke 12-13
Thursday	10/15	Luke 14-16
Friday	10/16	Luke 17-18
Saturday	10/17	Luke 19-20

**Personal Reflection & Study Questions  
after Message #5 and before your Cityview  
Growth Group Meeting**

**The Challenge of Generosity**

1. When have you been surprised by the generosity of others?
2. Why do you think some say that to be a giver is to be most like God?
3. What do you have that you would not be willing to give away to someone? Why not?
4. As you have been reading the Gospels—Mathew, Mark, Luke and John, what calls to generosity have you noticed from Jesus?

**Daily Bible Reading Plan & Memory Verses**

Week 13: December 13—December 19

**Memory Verse**

“It is done, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.” Revelation 21:6-7

**BONUS WEEK!** If you haven’t yet finished reading through the New Testament, **GO FOR IT!**

**Personal Reflection & Study Questions  
after Message #13 and before your Cityview  
Growth Group Meeting**

**The Challenge of Eternity**

1. When do you think about heaven?
  
2. If you were to get to heaven and not have your most wonderful music, your most wonderful friendships, your most wonderful recreation, your most wonderful vision of beauty...would Jesus be enough to make heaven...wonderful?
  
3. How does your thinking about eternity make a difference in how you live today?
  
4. You have read through (or have almost read through) the New Testament, Congratulations! Of greater worth than the task is your relationship with Jesus. Are you confident of your relationship with Him and your eternity?

**Daily Bible Reading Plan & Memory Verses**

Week 5: October 18—October 24

**Memory Verse**

“Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Luke 6:38

Sunday	10/18	Luke 21-22
Monday	10/19	Luke 23-24
Tuesday	10/20	John 1-2
Wednesday	10/21	John 3-4
Thursday	10/22	John 5-6
Friday	10/23	John 7
Saturday	10/24	John 8-10

**Personal Reflection & Study Questions  
after Message #6 and before your Cityview  
Growth Group Meeting**

**The Challenge of Perseverance**

1. If you had been in the original group of 120 or so followers of Jesus at his crucifixion what would you have done afterwards?
2. Why does the Resurrection of Jesus make such a huge difference for the disciples?
3. Why is it tough to keep a vision or passion “hot” in our lives?
4. What are you doing now that will help you stay strong in your faith in Jesus when life gets tough? What could you add to your life that might be helpful when the “day of trouble comes?”

**Daily Bible Reading Plan & Memory Verses**

Week 12: December 6—December 11

**Memory Verse**

“I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task that the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.”

Acts 20:24

Sunday	12/6	2 Peter 3 1 John 1-4
Monday	12/7	1 John 5 2 John 1 3 John 1 Jude 1 Revelation 1
Tuesday	12/8	Revelation 2-6
Wednesday	12/9	Revelation 7-12
Thursday	12/10	Revelation 13-18
Friday	12/11	Revelation 19-22

**Personal Reflection & Study Questions  
after Message #12 and before your Cityview  
Growth Group Meeting**

**The Challenge of the City**

1. As you have read through the New Testament, how would you describe some of the cities that followers of Jesus worked in?
  - Jerusalem?
  - Antioch?
  - Ephesus?
  - Corinth?
  - Rome?
2. What do you find challenging about life in the City?
3. What do you wish was different about your life in the city?
4. What are some ways that you and or City-view could bless the city?

**Daily Bible Reading Plan & Memory Verses**

Week 6: October 25—October 31

**Memory Verse**

“So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.”

Hebrews 10:35-36

Sunday	10/25	John 11
Monday	10/26	John 12-14
Tuesday	10/27	John 15-17
Wednesday	10/28	John 18-20
Thursday	10/29	John 21
		Acts 1-2
Friday	10/30	Acts 3-5
Saturday	10/31	Acts 6-7

**Personal Reflection & Study Questions  
after Message #7 and before your Cityview  
Growth Group Meeting**

**The Challenge of Forgiveness**

1. How would you define forgiveness to a 5 year old? To a 50 year old?
2. Who has forgiven you? What was that like?
3. Is there anyone that you need to forgive
  - in your family?
  - in your neighbourhood?
  - in your workplace?
  - in your church?
  - in your government?
  - in your school?
  - in your volunteer group?
  - in your recreation group?
  - in your past?
  - in your present?

**Daily Bible Reading Plan & Memory Verses**

Week 11: November 29—December 5

**Memory Verse**

“But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.”

James 3:17-18

Sunday	11/29	2 Timothy 4 Titus 1-3 Philemon 1
Monday	11/30	Hebrews 1-6
Tuesday	12/1	Hebrews 7-9
Wednesday	12/2	Hebrews 10-12
Thursday	12/3	Hebrews 13 James 1-3
Friday	12/4	James 4-5 1 Peter 1-3
Saturday	12/5	1 Peter 4-5 2 Peter 1-2



**Personal Reflection & Study Questions  
after Message #11 and before your Cityview  
Growth Group Meeting**

**The Challenge of Peacemaking**

1. What images, thoughts, feelings, come to your mind when you hear the word, “conflict?”
2. What do you do to avoid conflict?
3. What do you usually do when you observe or learn about someone else’s conflict?
4. What does the Gospel have to say to you about becoming a “peace-maker” in the ways of Jesus?
5. What are the possible costs associated with peace-making?

**Daily Bible Reading Plan & Memory Verses**

Week 7: November 1—November 7

**Memory Verse**

“Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.”

Luke 11:4

Sunday	11/1	Acts 8-9
Monday	11/2	Acts 10-12
Tuesday	11/3	Acts 13-15
Wednesday	11/4	Acts 16-17
Thursday	11/5	Acts 18-20
Friday	11/6	Acts 21-23
Saturday	11/7	Acts 24-26

**Personal Reflection & Study Questions  
after Message #8 and before your Cityview  
Growth Group Meeting**

**The Challenge of Servanthood**

1. Do you have a servant hero? Who is it?  
What is significant about his or her life?
  
2. When does someone else's service to you actually leave you with a "bad taste in the mouth?"
  
3. What keeps you from serving others with the attitude and manner of Jesus Christ?

**Daily Bible Reading Plan & Memory Verses**

Week 10: November 22—November 28

**Memory Verse**

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

James 1:22

Sunday	11/22	Galatians 6 Ephesians 1-4
Monday	11/23	Ephesians 5-6 Philippians 1
Tuesday	11/24	Philippians 2-4 Colossians 1
Wednesday	11/25	Colossians 2-4 1 Thessalonians 1
Thursday	11/26	1 Thessalonians 2-5 2 Thessalonians 1-2
Friday	11/27	2 Thessalonians 3 1 Timothy 1-4
Saturday	11/28	1 Timothy 5-6 2 Timothy 1-3

**Personal Reflection & Study Questions  
after Message #10 and before your Cityview  
Growth Group Meeting**

**The Challenge of Obedience**

1. A dynamic relationship with God is a life of response. What makes it a challenge for you to respond to God with obedience?
2. Thinking about what God has been saying to you in the last several weeks, what words have you left “UN-Obeyed?”
3. Galatians talked about “freedom in Christ.” What is the relationship between our obedience to Jesus and our freedom in Him?

**THE NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE**

**Daily Bible Reading Plan & Memory Verses**

Week 8: November 8—November 14

**Memory Verse**

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.” Philippians 2:5-8

Sunday	11/8	Acts 27-28
Monday	11/9	Romans 1-4
Tuesday	11/10	Romans 5-8
Wednesday	11/11	Romans 9-11
Thursday	11/12	Romans 12-15
Friday	11/13	Romans 16 1 Corinthians 1-3
Saturday	11/14	1 Corinthians 4-7

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## Daily Bible Reading Plan & Memory Verses

## Memory Verse

## 1 Timothy 6:6

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| Sunday    | 11/15 | 1 Corinthians 8-10                   |
| Monday    | 11/16 | 1 Corinthians 11-14                  |
| Tuesday   | 11/17 | 1 Corinthians 15-16                  |
| Wednesday | 11/18 | 2 Corinthians 1-5                    |
| Thursday  | 11/19 | 2 Corinthians 6-10                   |
| Friday    | 11/20 | 2 Corinthians 11-13<br>Galatians 1-2 |
| Saturday  | 11/21 | Galatians 3-5                        |