



\*Wednesday night meeting dates are **bolded**.

\*\*Readings to be done in between meetings are *italicized*.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1/12 - 1/18	<i>Exodus 1 - 19</i>	
<b>1/18</b>	<b>Exodus 3.1-22</b>	<b>The Burning Bush + Israel's Response</b>
1/19 - 1/25	<i>Exodus 3 - 13</i>	
<b>1/25</b>	<b>Exodus 7.8-11.10; 12.1-13 + 12.16</b>	<b>Plagues + the Passover</b>
1/26 - 2/1	<i>Exodus 13 - 19</i>	
<b>2/1</b>	<b>Ex. 13.17-14.4 + 14.15-31</b>	<b>Pillar of Cloud/Fire + the Red Sea</b>
2/2 - 2/8	<i>Exodus 15 - 20</i>	
<b>2/8</b>	<b>Worship + Prayer Night</b>	- - -
2/9 - 2/15	<i>Exodus 21 - 40</i>	
<b>2/15</b>	<b>Exodus 20.1-17</b>	<b>10 Words of Life</b>
2/16 - 2/22	<i>Exodus 21 - 32</i>	
<b>2/22</b>	<b>Exodus 32</b>	<b>Idolatry + Grace</b>
2/23 - 3/1	<i>Exodus 32 - 40</i>	
<b>3/1</b>	<b>Exodus 40</b>	<b>God Dwells with His People</b>
3/2 - 3/15	<i>1 John 1 - 5 (3x)</i>	<i>Try to read 1 John three different times over Spring Break!</i>
<b>3/15</b>	<b>1 John 1</b>	<b>Walking in the Light + Testimony</b>
3/16 - 3/22	<i>1 John 1 - 5</i>	
<b>3/22</b>	<b>1 John 2</b>	<b>Christ Our Advocate + A New Covenant</b>
3/23 - 3/29	<i>1 John 1 - 5</i>	
<b>3/29</b>	<b>1 John 3</b>	<b>Love One Another</b>
3/30 - 4/5	<i>1 John 1 - 5</i>	
<b>4/5</b>	<b>Panel Discussion</b>	- - -
4/6 - 4/12	<i>1 John 1 - 5</i>	
<b>4/12</b>	<b>1 John 4</b>	<b>God is Love</b>
4/13 - 4/19	<i>1 John 1 - 5</i>	
<b>4/19</b>	<b>1 John 5</b>	<b>Overcoming Through Testimony</b>
4/20 - 4/26	<i>1 John 1 - 5</i>	
<b>4/26</b>	<b>Final Gathering</b>	<b>Send Off and Party</b>

## How do I do this thing?

Reading the Bible can be *hard*. There are about 2000 years' worth of history and cultural distance — not to mention the geographical gap — between us and the most recent writings. Some of the older stuff is 3,000 years away!

You might feel like you don't understand anything you read. You might feel like it doesn't make sense, or that the God you're reading about isn't who you thought.

But don't give up.

We believe that God's Spirit is meeting us in the pages of the Bible, always pointing us toward Jesus. Even when we don't agree. Even when we don't understand.

So when you read and feel like you're getting stuck, **don't give up**.

If you want or need a physical Bible, just ask Mike. He can get you one. [In fact, it's his strong recommendation that you use a physical Bible if possible!]

### A few tips for reading.

1. **Do a little every day.** Reading, like every other skill, is a discipline that you can grow over time. Start with little bits. It's better to read a little and not finish than to never start at all.
2. **Keep a 'journal' of your thoughts and questions.** Write down your reactions, thoughts, questions, and concerns as you read. They don't have to be profound, but that act will help you engage with what you read more fully. I'd recommend using paper and pen/pencil, but a note on your phone will suffice.
3. **Look for repetition.** Whether it's words, names, or phrases, they often communicate importance. That will often give you a clue as to what the author thinks is important.
4. **Ask questions.** If something you read doesn't make sense, ask about it! The best students ask lots of questions.
5. **Start your reading with a prayer.** Ask the Spirit to help you sense His presence as you read. It can take you 10 seconds to do that, but it makes a big difference.

As you read, here are some questions you can ask to help you digest the text:

**Who** is this text about?

**What happens** in this text?

What is the **setting** for this text? (**When? where?**)

**What did I expect** to happen?

**Where is God** at work in this text?

Did something **surprise me**? What? Why?

Does this text **ask me to do** something? Why?

What does this text tell me **about God? Myself? Others?**

**If you fall behind, pick up where we are in the schedule.** We understand. Sometimes things get a little crazy. If you get behind, don't sweat it. Hop back in with us on the schedule and we'll keep moving.

We'll be posting resources as we go at [wellspringchurch.co/thewellcollegeministry](http://wellspringchurch.co/thewellcollegeministry). Check back there for things to help you as you read.