

Don't feel like you know the questions to ask?

Here are some ways to start:

- * What does this passage say to you about, your life? the life of River of Hope of your church or The Church? God and the world?
- * When do you wish God would have shown up for you in the last week?
- * How can this scripture be meaningful to your life today?
- * What difference will this scripture make in your life? What does this passage mean to you?
- * What might this passage create or set in motion?
- * What change might this passage create?
- * Where do you see God active in this scripture?

Too intimidated to open the Bible on your own?

Here are some places to start:

- * Use the daily scripture readings in this booklet to get started. Simply commit to reading through the daily scripture 2 or 3 times and letting different words or phrases catch your attention. Then keep them with you throughout the day. No expertise, just practice.

On-line daily devotions and other Bible resources

- * luthersem.edu/godpause
- * Email the office to have this sent to you, should you miss worship: office@riverofhopehutchinson.org.
- * biblegateway.com
- * Thebibleproject.com

There are many apps for your smart phone that offer daily devotions, will read the Bible to you, and even have short worship formats. Here are a few to check out (a mix of Android and iOS)



"The way of Jesus cannot be imposed or mapped — it requires an active participation in following Jesus as he leads us through sometimes strange and unfamiliar territory, in circumstances that become clear only in the hesitations and questionings, in the pauses and reflections where we engage in prayerful conversation with one another and with him." Eugene Peterson

You are invited into the practice of reading scripture and praying daily. Don't worry about having the right answers or feeling the right feelings when you pick up the Bible or pray. Instead, focus on how can this connect you more closely to the source of love: God.

This is a relationship about a constant flow of love for you and universe. It's the greatest love story ever lived. And you're part of it!

Dig in. Engage. Participate. Find yourself in this story. Push back on it. Dive into it. This is your story and God's story.

The Current -

Staying in the flow of praying and reading scripture.

The week of December 30, 2018 through January 5, 2019





**Daily Bible Readings -
Connecting Your Story with God's Story**
For the week of
December 30, 2018 through January 5, 2019

Sun, Dec 30: Matthew 1:1-17

Mon, Dec. 31: Genesis 25:1-34, *Abraham's Descendants*

Tues, Jan 1: Psalm 132:1-18, *David's Heir*

Wed, Jan 2: Isaiah 11:1-9, *The Branch from Jesse*

Thurs., Jan 3: Ruth 4:13-22, *Ruth Enters the Davidic Line*

Fri, Jan 4: Genesis 21:1-7, *Birth of Isaac*

Sat, Jan 5: Genesis 38:24-30, *Tamar Births Perez and Zerah*