

The Year of The Bible – Starting October 20!

You're not the only person who hasn't read the Bible.

You're not the only person who can't pepper their everyday conversation with Bible verses.

You're not the only person who can't pronounce or spell Nebuchadnezzar. You're also not the only person who doesn't know who he is.

And you're not a bad Christian, or a bad person, because of it. But at some point, you've probably said (or at least thought), "I should read the Bible."

For the next 12 months, St. George will celebrate it's own Year of the Bible. Starting at our October 20 Family Fun Day, we're inviting everyone to encounter God directly through His divine word. The good news (pun intended) – there are no tests, and spelling doesn't count.

We'll have a reading plan available based on *The Path* – a great version of the Bible, designed especially for those who find the traditional structure confusing or intimidating. We'll have discounted copies of *The Path* available, though you can participate using any version of the Bible you like.

Some important rules for our journey:

- **There is no "right way" to read the Bible.** Our reading plan will ensure you encounter the breadth of the Bible, but it's OK to open your Bible at random on a regular basis and let God speak through the text you encounter. The important thing is to spend some time with God's Word.
- **It's not a race.** Some days you might have an hour to spend; other days you might have five minutes. Some days you'll cover two chapters, other days you'll cover two verses. Remember - if you read just a single verse but find God speaking to you, that's a GREAT day.
- **"Cheating" is encouraged.** Take advantage of the tons of great resources available online, from daily reading programs to commentaries, dictionaries and other resources. Share your thoughts, questions and observations with friends. Don't feel like you have to figure everything out on your own!
- **Give yourself grace.** This isn't about "being good at reading the Bible." You might miss a week or two. You might find some parts boring. Don't worry – God loves you and wants you to hear His word in ways that matter to you and you alone.

Please come on this journey with us, and discover where God's Word will touch your life.