

## 5 year Bible reading plan – week 1

### Week 1 – 13/11/16

**This week we start a new set of readings that will help us read the whole Bible in the next 5 years!**

**Monday: Matthew 1:1-17.** Matthew's account of Jesus' ancestry seems to follow Joseph's family tree, while Luke probably follows Mary's. Matthew links Jesus to Abraham – the father of all Jews, and to the Royal line of David. He intends us to acknowledge Jesus as King of the Jews and worship him. Give Him your praise today!

**Tuesday: Genesis 1:1 - 2:3.** Genesis 1:26-28 give us an insight into mankind's relationship with God and with his creation, as well as giving us the very basis of marriage and family life. Each one of us is made in his image. How should this affect your view of yourself and your view of other people in your life today?

**Wednesday: Psalm 1:1 - 2:12.** Summarise the content of each of these psalms in a sentence or two. What truth stands out for you in the reading today? How can you apply this truth in your life? Look out for a sin to avoid, a promise to trust in, an example to follow or a command to obey!

**Thursday: Joshua 1:1-18.** Joshua was called to step into Moses shoes and lead Israel. It was a daunting task, and 3 times he is told to "be strong and courageous". What do you need to ask God to give you strength for at this present season of your life?

**Friday: Romans 1:1-17.** V17 is probably the key verse of the whole book, and definitely the key to chapter 1! It introduces Paul's theme as he writes to the Christians at Rome: Getting right with God is not about our efforts but about trusting in what Jesus did on the cross. Thank God that it is faith that gives us the power to live for Him.

**Weekend: Isaiah 1:1-17.** Around 700 years before Jesus was born, Isaiah tells Israel that their worship is meaningless unless they stop doing wrong and do what is right! Repentance is always the first step in getting right with God, and verse 17 shows how helping the poor and needy are one of the ways that we start living God's way.