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# September

*The Servant King — From Promise to Glory*

A 365-DAY BIBLE COMPANION

*“Holy Spirit, open our hearts to see Christ in all of Scripture.”*

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## About This Free Web Edition

This is the free web edition of **September**, one of the twelve monthly volumes of *It All Points to Jesus* — a companion for a 365-day journey through the whole Bible. It walks beside your own Bible reading with daily summaries, how each day points to Jesus, reflections, fellowship questions, prayer, and a practical step for the day — with the weekly reviews in their place.

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The readings follow the day-numbered plan: Day 1 is January 1 and Day 365 is December 31. September covers Days 244–273. You may begin on any day; the journey restarts every January.

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## **The Dance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

Before there was a world, there was a rhythm of love.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — moving together in perfect joy, each delighting in the others. When the Bible opens, the Spirit of God is hovering over the waters. God says, “Let us make man in our image.” And John tells us the Word was there from the beginning, that all things were made through him, and the Word became flesh.

That is the dance underneath everything you are about to read.

Day by day, through the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Psalms, and the Proverbs, you will see the dancers: the Father speaking and sending, the Son revealing and redeeming, the Spirit opening eyes and hearts. We encourage you to read the Scripture first. Then let this companion help you hear the music.

You are not reading alone. The moment you open the Word, you step into a rhythm that began before time itself — and you are invited to join the dance.

Scripture calls Him the head of the church — the head of the body (Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18) — and in Him all things hold together (Colossians 1:17).

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READ THE WORD FIRST. Read Scripture in your own Bible, then use this Companion for summaries, reflection, fellowship, prayer, and a practical next step.

## September Introduction

### The Servant King

From Promise to Glory Days 244–273 — September 1–30

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

Welcome to September. Eight months of Scripture are behind us, but the invitation remains as simple as it was on the first day: Come and see Jesus. If you have been reading with us, keep going. If you are arriving today, begin today. You do not have to catch up before you can come along. Open the Bible first, listen if that helps you, and let the Word lead. August carried us through questions, suffering, rebuilding, resurrection, and the declaration that our Redeemer lives. September begins with another great human question: What truly lasts? Ecclesiastes looks honestly at life under the sun and refuses easy answers. Work, wealth, pleasure, achievement, control, and even human wisdom cannot bear the weight of eternity. Song of Songs reminds us that faithful love is a gift. Then Isaiah opens before us, and the month begins climbing toward some of the clearest promises of Jesus in all of Scripture. We will meet Immanuel — God with us; the great Light; the Branch from Jesse; the sure cornerstone; the Servant who brings justice; the Redeemer; and the suffering Servant who is wounded for our transgressions and bears the sin of many. Alongside Isaiah, Paul leads us through 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, and Philippians. Promise and fulfillment begin standing side by side.

September's heartbeat is this: Human strength fails. Human righteousness fails. Human kingdoms fail. But God's promised Servant does not fail. The Servant is the King, and the search for meaning becomes a Person — Jesus.

Father — Son — Holy Spirit: The Love Behind the Promise

The relational foundation remains alive. The Father is the One who promises, calls, disciplines, restores, and sends. He does not abandon His world to

darkness. He gives the Son. The Son comes as Immanuel, Servant, Savior, Bridegroom, cornerstone, suffering substitute, risen Lord, and coming King. The Holy Spirit opens our eyes to God's truth, gives new life, assures us that we are God's children, strengthens the church, and forms the character of Jesus within us. So the movement continues: Father — Son — Holy Spirit — relationship with God — relationship with one another — invitation to the world. Galatians will show that through Christ we are no longer slaves but sons and daughters who cry to God as Father by the Spirit. Ephesians will show that strangers are brought near, hostility is broken down, and believers become one household in Christ. Philippians will show the mind of Jesus — the King who humbled Himself, took the form of a servant, obeyed to death, and was exalted above every name. This is not theology kept at a distance. The Father welcomes us. Jesus gives Himself for us. The Spirit lives within us. Then that relationship reshapes how we love spouses, families, churches, neighbors, strangers, and even people very different from us.

#### What Truly Lasts?

Ecclesiastes is a gift because it dismantles illusions. If we ask money to save us, it cannot. If we ask achievement to make us permanent, it cannot. If we ask pleasure to give eternal meaning, it cannot. Death eventually exposes every substitute. But Ecclesiastes does not leave us with despair. It teaches us to receive life as God's gift, remember our Creator, fear God, and recognize our limits. Then the rest of September opens the answer wider. What lasts is not something we manufacture. Lasting life is found in the God who comes to us. That is why Isaiah matters so deeply. Into darkness comes Light. Into human failure comes a righteous Branch. Into unstable lives comes a sure cornerstone. Into guilt comes the Servant who bears sin. Into exile comes the Redeemer. Into death comes the promise of restoration. The answer is not merely a better philosophy. It is Jesus.

#### Grace, Freedom, and a New Family

Paul will not allow us to turn Jesus into one more religious achievement. Galatians insists that sinners are justified by faith, not by earning God's favor. Christ bears the curse. The Spirit gives new life. Freedom is not freedom to indulge ourselves; it is freedom to love and serve. Ephesians then shows what

grace creates. People who were dead are made alive. Those who were far away are brought near. Dividing walls fall. Christ becomes the Head of one body. Believers are called to walk in humility, truth, purity, forgiveness, wisdom, love, and Spirit-filled relationships. Philippians brings us to the shape of that life: Jesus did not grasp for status. He humbled Himself. Therefore Christian maturity is not climbing above others but learning the downward path of love — serving, giving, rejoicing, and persevering.

### Isaiah 53: Stand at the Cross

Late in September we arrive at Isaiah 53. Do not hurry past it. The Servant is despised and rejected. He bears griefs that are not His own. He is wounded for transgressions He did not commit. The punishment that brings peace falls upon Him. This is where the month's questions converge. What can cleanse guilt? Who can carry what we cannot? Where can sinners find peace with God? Why does grace cost us nothing yet cost Jesus everything? Scripture leads us to the cross. Then Ephesians calls us to walk in love because Christ loved us and gave Himself for us. The cross is not only where forgiveness is received; it becomes the pattern of a life transformed by love.

### Keep the Rhythm

Read God's Word first. Read or listen to all four passages before opening the daily Companion. Ask what lasts. Notice what Scripture exposes as temporary, unreliable, or unable to save. Discover Jesus. Watch the promises sharpen: Immanuel, Light, Branch, cornerstone, Servant, Redeemer, suffering Savior, exalted Lord. Notice the Holy Spirit. Watch how the Spirit creates freedom, adoption, unity, maturity, holiness, and Christlike fruit. Reflect and fellowship. Keep asking one another, Where did you see Jesus? Let Scripture move from the page into honest conversation. Live today. Grace received becomes generosity, forgiveness, service, integrity, courage, unity, and love.

## **Prayer**

Father, thank You for refusing to leave us with empty substitutes. Thank You for keeping Your promises and sending Your Son. Lord Jesus, You are Immanuel, the great Light, the sure cornerstone, the faithful Servant, our Redeemer, the suffering Savior, the risen Lord, and the coming King. Holy Spirit, open our hearts to see Christ in all of Scripture. Free us from self-reliance and empty pursuits. Teach us to live as beloved children, to walk in love, to protect unity, to serve without seeking recognition, and to know Jesus more deeply. Let our homes, churches, friendships, and daily lives reflect the Servant King. Until faith becomes sight, keep us following Jesus. For the glory of God alone. Amen. Read the Word. See the Savior. Follow Jesus. It ALL Points to Jesus.

## Day 244 - September 1

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 22:14

Read First: Job 40:1–42:17 • 2 Corinthians 5:11–21 • Psalm 45:1–17 •  
Proverbs 22:14

### **Old Testament Summary**

Job humbles himself before God. God restores him, corrects his friends, and receives Job's prayer for them.

### **New Testament Summary**

In Christ, God reconciles the world to Himself. Anyone in Christ is a new creation, and believers become ambassadors of reconciliation.

### **Psalm Summary**

Psalm 45 celebrates the royal bridegroom and his glorious reign.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Some paths seduce people away from wisdom and into deep trouble.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Job meets God and is changed. Paul names the center of our hope: God made Christ, who knew no sin, to bear sin so we could be reconciled to Him.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Day 245 - September 2**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God’s Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 22:15

Read First: Ecclesiastes 1:1–3:22 • 2 Corinthians 6:1–13 • Psalm 46:1–11 • Proverbs 22:15

### **Old Testament Summary**

Ecclesiastes looks at life ‘under the sun’ and sees repetition, limits, and seasons beyond our control. Earthly life cannot carry the weight of ultimate meaning.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul urges believers not to receive God’s grace in vain. Through hardship, integrity, endurance, and love, servants of Christ keep their hearts open.

### **Psalm Summary**

God is our refuge and strength. Even when the earth gives way, He remains present: “Be still” and know that He is God.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Foolishness needs loving, firm correction before it becomes a settled path.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Ecclesiastes exposes the emptiness of life when this world is all we have. Jesus gives what life under the sun cannot: eternal life, reconciliation, and a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

## **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

# **Day 246 - September 3**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 22:16

Read First: Ecclesiastes 4:1–6:12 • 2 Corinthians 6:14–7:7 • Psalm 47:1–9 • Proverbs 22:16

## **Old Testament Summary**

Life under the sun is marked by oppression, envy, loneliness, and the limits of wealth. Companionship is a gift, and possessions cannot satisfy the soul.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul calls believers away from compromise and toward holiness. Because God welcomes His people as sons and daughters, they are to cleanse what defiles and live with open hearts.

### **Psalm Summary**

God is the great King over all the earth. His rule reaches farther than any human kingdom.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Do not exploit the poor. God sees the vulnerable and cares how they are treated.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Ecclesiastes exposes how empty life becomes when work, money, or status must carry the weight of our hope. Jesus gives us something better: reconciliation with God, a new family, and a kingdom that lasts.

### **Heart Reflection**

What am I expecting to satisfy me that only Christ can provide?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Where have you learned that people and possessions cannot replace God?

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, free me from empty pursuits and teach me to find my life in You. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Choose relationship over rivalry today. Encourage someone instead of comparing yourself with them.

## **Day 247 - September 4**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 22:17–19

Read First: Ecclesiastes 7:1–9:18 • 2 Corinthians 7:8–16 • Psalm 48:1–14 •  
Proverbs 22:17–19

## **Old Testament Summary**

Ecclesiastes turns toward sober wisdom. Hard days can teach what easy days cannot, yet human wisdom still has limits. God alone sees the whole.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul rejoices that godly sorrow led the Corinthians to repentance. Real repentance does not merely feel bad; it turns back toward God.

## **Psalm Summary**

Jerusalem celebrates God's protection and invites the next generation to remember His faithfulness.

## **Proverbs Summary**

Wisdom must move from the ear into the heart so that our trust rests in the LORD.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus does not call us to shallow regret. His grace makes honest repentance possible because the cross has already dealt with our guilt.

## **Heart Reflection**

Is there something I am sorry about but have not truly turned away from?

## **Fellowship Questions**

What is the difference between regret and repentance?

## **Prayer**

Jesus, give me a tender heart that receives correction and quickly returns to You. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Make one concrete change where God has been correcting you.

## **Day 248 - September 5**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 22:20–21

Read First: Ecclesiastes 10:1–12:14 • 2 Corinthians 8:1–15 • Psalm 49:1–20 •  
Proverbs 22:20–21

### **Old Testament Summary**

Ecclesiastes closes by urging us to remember our Creator before life passes. The final word is simple: fear God and obey Him.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul points to generous believers and then to Jesus, who became poor for our sake. Grace received becomes generosity given.

### **Psalms Summary**

Wealth cannot ransom a life from death. Rich and poor alike need a rescue money cannot buy.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Store truth in your heart so you can speak dependable words.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Ecclesiastes asks what finally matters. Paul answers by pointing to Christ. Jesus gave Himself for us, and His gift frees us to live generously rather than clutching what cannot save.

### **Heart Reflection**

If my life were measured by what lasts eternally, what would need to change?

## **Fellowship Questions**

How does the generosity of Jesus reshape our use of money, time, and ability?

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, teach me to number my days and give myself generously for what matters to You. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Give something today — time, attention, encouragement, or resources — without expecting repayment.

## **Day 249 - September 6**

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## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 22:22–23

Read First: Song 1:1–4:16 • 2 Corinthians 8:16–24 • Psalm 50:1–23 •  
Proverbs 22:22–23

## **Old Testament Summary**

Song of Songs celebrates covenant love, delight, faithfulness, and the goodness of committed affection.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul handles the church's gift carefully and honorably. Christian generosity should be matched by trustworthy stewardship.

## **Psalm Summary**

God does not need empty religious performance. He desires thankful worship and lives that honor Him.

## **Proverbs Summary**

Do not take advantage of the poor; the LORD Himself defends them.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Faithful human love is a gift, but it also reminds us that love is meant to be loyal rather than disposable. Jesus loves His people with covenant faithfulness and never exploits the weak.

## **Heart Reflection**

Do my relationships reflect faithfulness, honor, and gratitude?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Why does integrity matter when Christians handle money or responsibility?

## **Prayer**

Jesus, make me faithful in love, honest in responsibility, and grateful in worship. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Honor one relationship today through a faithful, unselfish action.

# **Day 250 - September 7**

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## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 22:24–25

Read First: Song 5:1–8:14 • 2 Corinthians 9:1–15 • Psalm 51:1–19 • Proverbs 22:24–25

## **Old Testament Summary**

Love is precious and worth pursuing with patience and faithfulness. The poem celebrates delight without treating love casually.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul teaches cheerful generosity. God supplies what His people need so that grace can overflow into thanksgiving and good works.

### **Psalm Summary**

David's confession after sin is one of Scripture's clearest prayers for mercy, cleansing, and a renewed heart.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Close friendship with uncontrolled anger can teach us destructive ways.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Psalm 51 brings us to the heart of the gospel: we need more than improved behavior; we need cleansing and a new heart. Jesus provides the forgiveness David longed for.

### **Heart Reflection**

Where do I need to stop defending myself and simply confess my sin to God?

### **Fellowship Questions**

How can forgiven people become generous people?

### **Prayer**

Create in me a clean heart, Lord, and let Your grace overflow through my life. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Confess plainly, receive Christ's mercy, and extend grace to someone else.

## **Day 251 - September 8**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 22:26–27

Read First: Isaiah 1:1–2:22 • 2 Corinthians 10:1–18 • Psalm 52:1–9 •  
Proverbs 22:26–27

## **Old Testament Summary**

Isaiah opens with rebellion, empty worship, and a call to return. Yet judgment is not the last word: God promises cleansing and a future when nations come to His light.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul refuses worldly measures of power. His authority is for building people up, and his boast is in the Lord.

## **Psalms Summary**

Human evil may look strong, but God's faithful love endures forever.

## **Proverbs Summary**

Do not make reckless financial promises that can place you in bondage.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Isaiah begins with stained sinners who need to be made clean. That cleansing reaches its fulfillment in Jesus, whose grace does what religious appearance cannot.

## **Heart Reflection**

Am I more concerned with appearing religious or actually obeying God?

## **Fellowship Questions**

What worldly measure of success is hardest for Christians to resist?

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, wash what is sinful in me and teach me to boast only in You.  
Amen.

## **Live Today**

Do one quiet act of obedience that no one needs to applaud.

## **Day 252 - September 9**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 22:28–29

Read First: Isaiah 3:1–5:30 • 2 Corinthians 11:1–15 • Psalm 53:1–6 •  
Proverbs 22:28–29

## **Old Testament Summary**

Judah's pride, injustice, and self-indulgence bring ruin. The vineyard God carefully tended produces rotten fruit instead of righteousness.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul warns the church about false apostles and a counterfeit message. Devotion to Christ must not be traded for something that merely sounds spiritual.

## **Psalm Summary**

Humanity's corruption is widespread; we need God to bring salvation.

## **Proverbs Summary**

Respect rightful boundaries, and remember that skillful work opens doors for service.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Isaiah's vineyard fails to produce good fruit, and Paul warns against a false Jesus. We need the true Savior, not religious imitation. Christ alone can make His people fruitful.

## **Heart Reflection**

Where might pride or spiritual imitation be replacing simple devotion to Jesus?

## **Fellowship Questions**

How can we recognize teaching that sounds spiritual but pulls us away from Christ?

## **Prayer**

True Jesus, keep me close to Your Word and protect me from pride and deception. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Measure one belief or influence today against Scripture rather than popularity.

## **Week 36 Review - The Big Story (Days 246–252)**

Days 246–252 • September 3–9 Sunday Group Review — About 15 Minutes

### **The Big Story**

September begins with Ecclesiastes exposing the limits of life under the sun. Work, wealth, pleasure, status, and even wisdom cannot bear the weight of eternity. Song of Songs reminds us that faithful love is a gift, and Isaiah opens by exposing Judah's rebellion and empty religion. Paul keeps bringing the answer back to grace, holiness, generosity, and the true gospel. The month begins by clearing away false saviors so we can see the real One.

### **Finding Jesus This Week**

- Jesus gives eternal meaning where life under the sun cannot.
- Jesus cleanses sinners rather than merely improving appearances.
- Jesus is the faithful Bridegroom whose love does not exploit or abandon.
- Jesus is the true gospel; every counterfeit must be rejected.

### **Reflect Together**

1. Which reading helped you see Jesus most clearly this week? 2. What did this week reveal about the human heart and our need for a Savior? 3. Where did you see God's faithfulness? 4. What truth from the Psalms or Proverbs do you want to carry forward? 5. What one change will Jesus see you changing this week?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Go around the group and complete this sentence: “This week I saw Jesus in \_\_\_\_.” Keep it simple and give everyone room to answer.

## **Week Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting us in Your Word. Help us trust You, follow You, love one another, and live what we have read. Transform our hearts so our lives increasingly reflect You. Amen.

## **Week Preview**

Next week Isaiah’s vision rises: the Holy One cleanses Isaiah, Immanuel is promised, a great Light appears, and the Branch from Jesse comes into view. Keep watching the promises take shape.

# **Day 253 - September 10**

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## **Read God’s Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 23:1–3

Read First: Isaiah 6:1–7:25 • 2 Corinthians 11:16–33 • Psalm 54:1–7 •  
Proverbs 23:1–3

## **Old Testament Summary**

Isaiah sees the LORD high and holy, confesses his uncleanness, receives cleansing, and is sent. Then God gives the sign of Immanuel: God with us.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul’s ‘boasting’ becomes a list of suffering and weakness. True ministry is not measured by comfort or image but by faithfulness.

## **Psalm Summary**

David calls on God when enemies surround him and trusts the Lord as his helper.

## **Proverbs Summary**

Self-control matters even at a ruler's table; appetite can quietly master us.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Isaiah's vision exposes our sin, but cleansing comes from God. The promise of Immanuel moves the story toward Jesus — God with us — who makes unclean people fit for God's presence.

## **Heart Reflection**

When God's holiness exposes something in me, do I hide or confess?

## **Fellowship Questions**

What does Paul's weakness teach us about the difference between appearance and faithfulness?

## **Prayer**

Holy Jesus, cleanse me, send me, and teach me to trust Your presence more than my strength. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Answer God's "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" with one willing act of service.

# **Day 254 - September 11**

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## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 23:4–5

Read First: Isaiah 8:1–9:21 • 2 Corinthians 12:1–10 • Psalm 55:1–23 • Proverbs 23:4–5

## **Old Testament Summary**

Darkness and judgment surround Judah, yet Isaiah announces a great light and a coming Child whose rule will bring lasting peace.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul learns that Christ's grace is sufficient and that divine power is displayed through human weakness.

### **Psalms Summary**

David brings betrayal, fear, and anguish to God instead of carrying them alone.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Do not wear yourself out chasing wealth; riches can disappear quickly.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

The promised Child and Paul's sufficient Lord meet in Jesus. He is the Light in darkness, the King of peace, and the One whose strength is enough when ours is not.

### **Heart Reflection**

Where am I trying to be strong instead of receiving Christ's sufficient grace?

### **Fellowship Questions**

How can weakness become a place where Jesus is seen more clearly?

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, be my light in darkness and my strength in weakness. Your grace is enough. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Bring one weakness to Christ instead of hiding it.

## **Day 255 - September 12**

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### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 23:6–8

Read First: Isaiah 10:1–11:16 • 2 Corinthians 12:11–21 • Psalm 56:1–13 •  
Proverbs 23:6–8

### **Old Testament Summary**

God judges arrogant powers but preserves a remnant. From Jesse's seemingly cut-down family tree, a Spirit-filled Branch will arise and rule with righteousness.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul loves the Corinthians enough to confront sin. His goal is not control but their restoration before he comes.

### **Psalm Summary**

When fear rises, the psalmist chooses trust and remembers that God sees every tear.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Do not be manipulated by stingy hospitality or hidden motives.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Isaiah's Branch is a clear road toward Jesus, the Son of David filled with the Spirit. Unlike proud rulers, He judges rightly and brings true peace.

### **Heart Reflection**

What fear do I need to answer with trust today?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Why is loving correction sometimes necessary in Christian fellowship?

### **Prayer**

Jesus, righteous Branch and Prince of Peace, rule my heart and teach me to trust You. Amen.

### **Live Today**

When fear speaks today, answer it with a truth you have read in Scripture.

## Day 256 - September 13

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 23:9–11

Read First: Isaiah 12:1–14:32 • 2 Corinthians 13:1–14 • Psalm 57:1–11 •  
Proverbs 23:9–11

### **Old Testament Summary**

Isaiah moves from a song of salvation into judgment against proud kingdoms. Babylon may rise, but no human empire can rival God's rule.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul closes with a call to examine ourselves, pursue restoration, live in peace, and receive the grace of Christ, love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

### **Psalm Summary**

David takes refuge under God's wings until danger passes and chooses praise before circumstances change.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Do not waste wisdom on those determined to despise it, and never steal from the defenseless.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Earthly kingdoms rise and fall, but Jesus reigns. Paul's closing blessing also lets us glimpse the beautiful work of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the life of the church.

### **Heart Reflection**

Am I examining my own walk with Christ as carefully as I examine others?

## **Fellowship Questions**

What would restoration and peace look like in one relationship?

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep me humble under Your rule and make me a person of restoration and peace. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one step toward peace without waiting for the other person to go first.

# **Day 257 - September 14**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 23:12

Read First: Isaiah 15:1–18:7 • Galatians 1:1–24 • Psalm 58:1–11 • Proverbs 23:12

## **Old Testament Summary**

Isaiah announces judgment over surrounding nations. Human pride, military strength, and political alliances cannot provide lasting security.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul opens Galatians fiercely: there is one gospel. His life changed because Jesus Christ revealed Himself and called him by grace.

## **Psalms Summary**

The psalm longs for righteous judgment when injustice seems entrenched.

## **Proverbs Summary**

Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to knowledge.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Paul's testimony has one center: Jesus changed him. The gospel is not a human invention or self-improvement program; it is the good news of God's Son who gave Himself to rescue sinners.

## **Heart Reflection**

Have I allowed the gospel to become complicated when its center is Jesus?

## **Fellowship Questions**

How would you explain the good news of Jesus in simple words?

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep me rooted in Your gospel and free me from every counterfeit hope. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Tell yourself the gospel plainly today: Jesus gave Himself to rescue sinners — including me.

# **Day 258 - September 15**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 23:13–14

Read First: Isaiah 19:1–21:17 • Galatians 2:1–16 • Psalm 59:1–17 • Proverbs 23:13–14

## **Old Testament Summary**

Isaiah shows God ruling even over Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, and other nations. Remarkably, former enemies are pictured receiving God's blessing.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul defends the truth that people are made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ, not by keeping the law.

### **Psalm Summary**

David asks for deliverance from violent enemies and sings of God's strength and faithful love.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Wise correction aims to rescue a life from destructive folly.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Isaiah sees blessing reaching beyond Israel, and Galatians explains how: sinners are justified through faith in Christ. The family of God is built by grace, not human achievement.

### **Heart Reflection**

Am I quietly trying to earn the acceptance Jesus has already purchased?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Why is justification by faith such good news for ordinary people?

### **Prayer**

Jesus, thank You that my standing with God rests on Your grace, not my performance. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Stop performing for God's approval. Obey today from gratitude instead.

## **Day 259 - September 16**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 23:15–16

Read First: Isaiah 22:1–24:23 • Galatians 2:17–3:9 • Psalm 60:1–12 •

Proverbs 23:15–16

## **Old Testament Summary**

Jerusalem trusts defenses more than the One who made them. Isaiah then widens the view: the whole earth lies under God's judgment, yet the LORD will reign.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul says he has been crucified with Christ. New life is lived by faith in the Son of God, and Abraham shows that God's blessing comes through faith.

## **Psalms Summary**

After defeat, God's people ask Him to restore and lead them.

## **Proverbs Summary**

A wise heart and truthful speech bring deep joy.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Paul gives us one of September's great truths: the old self no longer defines the believer. Jesus loved us and gave Himself for us; now our life is lived by faith in Him.

## **Heart Reflection**

What part of my old identity am I still carrying as though Christ has not changed me?

## **Fellowship Questions**

What does it mean in ordinary life to say, "Christ lives in me"?

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, live Your life through me. Teach me to trust You instead of returning to self-reliance. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Face one decision today as someone whose life now belongs to Christ.

## **Week 37 Review - The Big Story (Days 253–259)**

Days 253–259 • September 10–16 Sunday Group Review — About 15 Minutes

### **The Big Story**

Isaiah sees the LORD high and holy and immediately knows he is unclean. God provides cleansing and sends him. Then the promises begin to shine: Immanuel, the great Light, the promised Child, and the Branch from Jesse. Paul, meanwhile, boasts in weakness, insists on the one true gospel, and declares that we are justified by faith and crucified with Christ. Holiness exposes our need; grace provides the Savior.

### **Finding Jesus This Week**

- Jesus is Immanuel — God with us.
- Jesus is the great Light and righteous Branch.
- Jesus is strong when we are weak.
- Jesus justifies sinners by faith, not human performance.

### **Reflect Together**

1. Which reading helped you see Jesus most clearly this week? 2. What did this week reveal about the human heart and our need for a Savior? 3. Where did you see God’s faithfulness? 4. What truth from the Psalms or Proverbs do you want to carry forward? 5. What one change will Jesus see you changing this week?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Go around the group and complete this sentence: “This week I saw Jesus in \_\_\_\_.” Keep it simple and give everyone room to answer.

### **Week Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting us in Your Word. Help us trust You, follow You, love one another, and live what we have read. Transform our hearts so our lives increasingly reflect You. Amen.

## **Week Preview**

Next week Isaiah looks toward death being swallowed up, a sure cornerstone, and salvation found in quiet trust. Galatians will lead us into freedom, sonship, and life in the Spirit.

## **Day 260 - September 17**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 23:17–18

Read First: Isaiah 25:1–28:13 • Galatians 3:10–22 • Psalm 61:1–8 • Proverbs 23:17–18

### **Old Testament Summary**

Isaiah celebrates God's victory: He will swallow up death, wipe away tears, and provide a feast for His people. Yet proud hearts still resist His word.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul explains that the law exposes the curse of sin, but Christ redeemed us by becoming a curse for us.

### **Psalm Summary**

From the end of the earth, the psalmist asks God to lead him to the Rock higher than himself.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Do not envy sinners; continue in reverence for the LORD because there is a future hope.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Isaiah sees death defeated; Galatians tells us how sinners are rescued from the curse. Jesus bears the curse at the cross and opens the future where death and tears do not win.

## **Heart Reflection**

Where do I need the hope of Christ's final victory over death and sorrow?

## **Fellowship Questions**

How does the cross show both the seriousness of sin and the greatness of grace?

## **Prayer**

Jesus, my higher Rock, thank You for bearing the curse and giving me a living hope. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Carry future hope into one present sorrow.

# **Day 261 - September 18**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 23:19–21

Read First: Isaiah 28:14–30:11 • Galatians 3:23–4:31 • Psalm 62:1–12 •  
Proverbs 23:19–21

## **Old Testament Summary**

Judah makes false alliances and refuses God's quiet way of trust. Yet God lays a sure cornerstone in Zion that will not fail.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul says the law served as a guardian until Christ. In Jesus, believers become God's children and heirs rather than slaves.

## **Psalm Summary**

Wait quietly before God; power and faithful love belong to Him.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Wisdom warns against drunkenness, gluttony, and habits that slowly impoverish life.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Isaiah's cornerstone and Paul's Son come together in Jesus. He is the sure foundation, and through Him slaves become sons and daughters who can call God Father.

### **Heart Reflection**

What false security am I tempted to trust instead of Christ?

### **Fellowship Questions**

How should knowing we are God's children change the way we live?

### **Prayer**

Father, thank You for making me Your child through Jesus. Keep my feet on Christ, the sure foundation. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Refuse one false security and deliberately rest your confidence in Jesus.

## **Day 262 - September 19**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 23:22

Read First: Isaiah 30:12–33:9 • Galatians 5:1–12 • Psalm 63:1–11 • Proverbs 23:22

### **Old Testament Summary**

Judah keeps looking to Egypt, but salvation is found in returning and resting in God. The LORD longs to be gracious and promises righteous rule.

### **New Testament Summary**

Christ has set believers free. Paul warns them not to return to a system of earning righteousness.

### **Psalms Summary**

David thirsts for God in the wilderness and finds His faithful love better than life.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Listen to your parents and honor the wisdom of age.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus offers freedom, not another form of slavery. Isaiah says strength is found in quiet trust; Galatians says freedom is found in Christ. Both confront our instinct to save ourselves.

### **Heart Reflection**

What burden am I carrying as though I must earn God's acceptance?

### **Fellowship Questions**

What does Christian freedom free us from — and free us for?

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep me standing in the freedom You purchased. Make my soul thirst for You. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Do one act today from freedom and gratitude, not from fear or the need to prove yourself.

## **Day 263 - September 20**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 23:23

Read First: Isaiah 33:10–36:22 • Galatians 5:13–26 • Psalm 64:1–10 •  
Proverbs 23:23

### **Old Testament Summary**

Assyria threatens and boasts, but Isaiah points beyond fear to God’s justice, beauty, and coming salvation. Human intimidation is loud; God’s rule is greater.

### **New Testament Summary**

Freedom in Christ is not permission for selfishness. Walk by the Spirit, love one another, and let His fruit replace the works of the flesh.

### **Psalm Summary**

God sees hidden schemes and can overturn what people think is secure.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Buy truth, wisdom, instruction, and understanding; do not trade them away.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus frees us not merely from guilt but for a new kind of life. The Spirit forms Christlike fruit in people who could never manufacture holiness by willpower alone.

### **Heart Reflection**

Which fruit of the Spirit most needs room to grow in me?

### **Fellowship Questions**

How can freedom become loving service instead of self-indulgence?

### **Prayer**

Holy Spirit, form the character of Jesus in me and teach me to serve in love.  
Amen.

### **Live Today**

Choose one fruit of the Spirit and practice it deliberately in your next conversation.

## Day 264 - September 21

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 23:24

Read First: Isaiah 37:1–38:22 • Galatians 6:1–18 • Psalm 65:1–13 • Proverbs 23:24

### **Old Testament Summary**

Hezekiah brings Assyria's threat before the LORD, and God delivers Jerusalem. Later, Hezekiah's sickness reminds him how dependent every life is on God.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul calls believers to restore gently, carry one another's burdens, sow to the Spirit, and boast only in the cross of Christ.

### **Psalm Summary**

God hears prayer, forgives sin, and crowns the earth with abundance.

### **Proverbs Summary**

A wise child brings joy to a father.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Hezekiah spreads the threatening letter before God; Paul boasts only in the cross of Christ. Jesus invites us to bring burdens to Him and then help carry the burdens of others.

### **Heart Reflection**

What burden do I need to spread before the Lord instead of carrying alone?

### **Fellowship Questions**

What does gentle restoration look like when another believer stumbles?

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, I boast only in Your cross. Carry what is too heavy for me and make me gentle with others. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Bring one burden to God, then help lighten someone else's.

## **Day 265 - September 22**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 23:25–28

Read First: Isaiah 39:1–41:16 • Ephesians 1:1–23 • Psalm 66:1–20 • Proverbs 23:25–28

### **Old Testament Summary**

Hezekiah proudly displays his treasures, but Isaiah warns of Babylon. Then the message turns to comfort: God strengthens His weary people and tells them not to fear.

### **New Testament Summary**

Ephesians opens with an avalanche of grace: chosen in Christ, adopted, redeemed, forgiven, sealed with the Spirit, and joined to the risen Lord who reigns over all.

### **Psalm Summary**

Come and hear what God has done. He tests His people but does not abandon them.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Give your heart to wisdom and guard yourself from sexual unfaithfulness.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Isaiah says, “Don’t be afraid. I will help you.” Ephesians shows the deepest reason for confidence: believers belong to the risen Jesus, who is above every power and is Head of the church.

## **Heart Reflection**

Which truth about who I am ‘in Christ’ do I most need to believe?

## **Fellowship Questions**

How does remembering God’s past faithfulness strengthen present trust?

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for every spiritual blessing in You. Replace my fear with confidence in Your rule. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Begin the day from your identity in Christ, not from your circumstances.

# **Day 266 - September 23**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God’s Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 23:29–35

Read First: Isaiah 41:17–43:13 • Ephesians 2:1–22 • Psalm 67:1–7 • Proverbs 23:29–35

## **Old Testament Summary**

God promises water for the thirsty and introduces His chosen Servant, who brings justice gently. He tells His people, “Don’t be afraid,” because He created, redeemed, and calls them His own.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul moves from death to life: saved by grace through faith, created for good works, and reconciled into one new people through Christ.

### **Psalm Summary**

The psalm asks God to bless His people so His saving way will be known among all nations.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Alcohol can deceive, wound, and enslave; wisdom refuses to romanticize what destroys.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Isaiah's Servant brings justice to the nations, and Ephesians identifies our rescue: Jesus makes dead sinners alive and brings outsiders near by His blood. Grace creates a new people.

### **Heart Reflection**

Do I live as though salvation is a gift or an achievement?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Where does the gospel tear down walls that people like to rebuild?

### **Prayer**

Jesus, thank You for making me alive by grace and bringing me near. Use my life for the good works You prepared. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Do one good work today as a response to grace, not an attempt to earn it.

## **Week 38 Review - The Big Story (Days 260–266)**

Days 260–266 • September 17–23 Sunday Group Review — About 15 Minutes

## **The Big Story**

Isaiah sees a feast where death is swallowed up, then warns Judah against false alliances. A sure cornerstone is laid. Galatians explains that Christ bears the curse, makes us children rather than slaves, sets us free, and gives His Spirit. Hezekiah finally does what Judah should have done all along: he brings the threat before the LORD. Ephesians then opens with the riches of grace and the breathtaking truth that dead sinners are made alive in Christ.

## **Finding Jesus This Week**

- Jesus bears the curse and defeats death.
- Jesus is the sure cornerstone.
- Jesus makes slaves into sons and daughters.
- Jesus sets us free and gives the Spirit.
- Jesus makes dead sinners alive by grace.

## **Reflect Together**

1. Which reading helped you see Jesus most clearly this week? 2. What did this week reveal about the human heart and our need for a Savior? 3. Where did you see God's faithfulness? 4. What truth from the Psalms or Proverbs do you want to carry forward? 5. What one change will Jesus see you changing this week?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Go around the group and complete this sentence: "This week I saw Jesus in \_\_\_\_." Keep it simple and give everyone room to answer.

## **Week Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting us in Your Word. Help us trust You, follow You, love one another, and live what we have read. Transform our hearts so our lives increasingly reflect You. Amen.

## **Week Preview**

Next week Isaiah's Servant comes fully into view. We will reach Isaiah 53 — the suffering Servant who bears our sins — while Ephesians calls us to live as Christ's new people.

## **Day 267 - September 24**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 24:1–2

Read First: Isaiah 43:14–45:10 • Ephesians 3:1–21 • Psalm 68:1–18 •

Proverbs 24:1–2

### **Old Testament Summary**

God promises a new thing, declares that He alone is Savior, and even uses Cyrus for His purposes. The Creator remains Lord over history.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul reveals the mystery: Gentiles share fully in Christ's promise. He prays that believers will grasp the immeasurable love of Christ and be filled with God's fullness.

### **Psalm Summary**

God rises, scatters enemies, cares for the vulnerable, and leads His people in victory.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Do not envy violent people or desire their ways.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Isaiah says there is no Savior besides the LORD. Paul shows God's saving plan opening wide through Christ. Jesus is not a local hope; His love reaches people from every nation.

## **Heart Reflection**

Have I made God's love smaller than Scripture makes it?

## **Fellowship Questions**

What would change if I truly believed Christ's love is deeper than I can measure?

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, root me in Your love and fill me with Your strength so my life displays Your glory. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Show Christ's wide love to someone outside your usual circle.

# **Day 268 - September 25**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 24:3–4

Read First: Isaiah 45:11–48:11 • Ephesians 4:1–16 • Psalm 68:19–35 •  
Proverbs 24:3–4

## **Old Testament Summary**

God exposes idols as powerless burdens and declares that His purposes will stand. He carries His people rather than needing to be carried by them.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul urges believers to walk worthy of their calling, protect unity, and grow toward maturity under Christ, the Head.

## **Psalm Summary**

Day after day God bears our burdens; His strength deserves praise.

## **Proverbs Summary**

Wisdom and understanding build a strong household.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Idols must be carried, but God carries His people. Ephesians shows Jesus as the living Head who gives gifts so His body can grow in truth and love.

## **Heart Reflection**

Am I carrying an idol that promises security but cannot carry me?

## **Fellowship Questions**

How can I strengthen unity without pretending differences do not exist?

## **Prayer**

Jesus, carry me, mature me, and help me build up Your body in love. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Use one gift God has given you to strengthen another believer.

# **Day 269 - September 26**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 24:5–6

Read First: Isaiah 48:12–50:11 • Ephesians 4:17–32 • Psalm 69:1–18 •  
Proverbs 24:5–6

## **Old Testament Summary**

God calls His people out of Babylon and introduces the Servant whose mission reaches the nations. The Servant listens, obeys, suffers, and does not turn back.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul tells believers to put off the old life and put on the new: truth instead of falsehood, useful work instead of theft, grace-filled speech instead of corruption, forgiveness instead of bitterness.

### **Psalm Summary**

The psalmist cries from deep waters and asks God to answer with faithful love.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Wisdom gives strength, and wise counsel matters in difficult decisions.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Isaiah's obedient Servant points toward Jesus, who set His face toward suffering and did not turn back. Because He gave Himself for us, our speech, work, anger, and forgiveness can begin to look like Him.

### **Heart Reflection**

What old pattern needs to be put off today?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Which is harder: speaking truth, controlling anger, or forgiving? Why?

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, replace my old ways with Your character. Make my words gracious and my heart forgiving. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Remove one destructive habit and replace it with one Christlike action.

## **Day 270 - September 27**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 24:7

Read First: Isaiah 51:1–53:12 • Ephesians 5:1–33 • Psalm 69:19–36 •  
Proverbs 24:7

### **Old Testament Summary**

Isaiah reaches the suffering Servant: despised, rejected, wounded for our transgressions, bearing the sin of many, yet ultimately vindicated by God.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul calls believers to imitate God, walk in love and light, live wisely, be filled with the Spirit, and let marriage reflect Christ's faithful love for His church.

### **Psalm Summary**

The suffering worshiper is mocked and afflicted yet continues to praise God and trust His salvation.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Wisdom is beyond the fool who refuses to receive it.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Here September stands at the foot of the cross. Isaiah's Servant bears what belongs to us. Jesus loves His church and gives Himself for her. Our salvation rests on His sacrifice, not ours.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does it mean personally that Jesus bore sin He did not commit?

### **Fellowship Questions**

How should Christ's self-giving love reshape our homes and relationships?

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for being wounded for sinners and giving Yourself in love. Make my life a grateful response. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Thank Jesus specifically for the cross, then love someone sacrificially today.

## Day 271 - September 28

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 24:8

Read First: Isaiah 54:1–57:14 • Ephesians 6:1–24 • Psalm 70:1–5 • Proverbs 24:8

### **Old Testament Summary**

After the suffering Servant comes restoration: covenant peace, an open invitation to receive God's gifts freely, and a call for His people to return from idolatry.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul brings the gospel into home and work, then describes the armor of God. The battle is spiritual, and believers stand in God's strength.

### **Psalms Summary**

The psalmist urgently asks God for help and refuses to pretend he is self-sufficient.

### **Proverbs Summary**

The one who plots to do evil will be called a schemer.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

The Servant's suffering opens the way for covenant peace. Jesus also equips His people to stand — not in personal toughness but in truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, God's Word, and prayer.

### **Heart Reflection**

Where am I trying to fight a spiritual battle with merely human strength?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Which piece of God's armor do you most need to remember this week?

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, clothe me with what You provide and teach me to stand firm in Your strength. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Before facing today's pressure, pray through the armor of God.

## **Day 272 - September 29**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 24:9–10

Read First: Isaiah 57:15–59:21 • Philippians 1:1–26 • Psalm 71:1–24 •  
Proverbs 24:9–10

## **Old Testament Summary**

God dwells in holiness yet comes near to the humble. He exposes false fasting and injustice, promises light to those who live rightly, and declares that the Redeemer will come.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul writes from prison with joy because Christ is being proclaimed. Whether by life or death, his desire is that Christ be honored.

## **Psalms Summary**

From youth to old age, the psalmist asks God not to abandon him so he can tell the next generation of God's strength.

## **Proverbs Summary**

Foolish schemes are sinful, and adversity reveals the depth of our strength.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Isaiah promises a Redeemer; Paul has met Him. Jesus is so precious to Paul that even prison cannot take away his purpose: to live is Christ.

## **Heart Reflection**

What would it look like for Christ — not comfort — to be the central purpose of my life?

## **Fellowship Questions**

What testimony about God's faithfulness should be passed to the next generation?

## **Prayer**

Jesus, be the purpose of my life. Let every season become a place where You are honored. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Tell someone younger one thing God has taught you through the years.

# **Day 273 - September 30**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 24:11–12

Read First: Isaiah 60:1–62:5 • Philippians 1:27–2:18 • Psalm 72:1–20 •  
Proverbs 24:11–12

## **Old Testament Summary**

Isaiah sees light rising over God's people, good news for the brokenhearted, and a restored people in whom God delights.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul calls the church to unity and humility, then points to Jesus: He humbled Himself, became obedient to death, and was exalted so every knee will bow.

## **Psalm Summary**

Psalm 72 longs for a righteous king who defends the poor, brings peace, and rules to the ends of the earth.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Do not look away when others are being led toward harm; God knows whether we acted.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Isaiah's anointed messenger, Paul's humbled and exalted Lord, and Psalm 72's righteous King converge in Jesus. He serves, saves, reigns, and will be acknowledged by all.

### **Heart Reflection**

Where is pride making it difficult for me to serve like Jesus?

### **Fellowship Questions**

How does Jesus redefine greatness?

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, give me Your humble mind. Teach me to serve, obey, and rejoice in Your coming reign. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Choose the lower place today: serve without needing recognition.

## **Week 39 Review - The Big Story (Days 267–273)**

Days 267–273 • September 24–30 Sunday Group Review — About 15 Minutes

### **The Big Story**

God declares that He alone saves, carries His people, and sends His Servant to the nations. The Servant listens, suffers, and does not turn back. Then Isaiah 53 brings us to the heart of the month: He is despised, wounded for our transgressions, and bears the sin of many. Ephesians answers with a new way of life shaped by truth, forgiveness, love, unity, and the armor of God. Philippians then points directly to Jesus, who humbled Himself to death and was exalted above every name.

## **Finding Jesus This Week**

- Jesus is the Servant sent to the nations.
- Jesus bears our sins in Isaiah 53.
- Jesus is Head of His body and shapes a new people.
- Jesus equips His church to stand.
- Jesus humbled Himself and is exalted as Lord.

## **Reflect Together**

1. Which reading helped you see Jesus most clearly this week? 2. What did this week reveal about the human heart and our need for a Savior? 3. Where did you see God's faithfulness? 4. What truth from the Psalms or Proverbs do you want to carry forward? 5. What one change will Jesus see you changing this week?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Go around the group and complete this sentence: "This week I saw Jesus in \_\_\_\_." Keep it simple and give everyone room to answer.

## **Week Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting us in Your Word. Help us trust You, follow You, love one another, and live what we have read. Transform our hearts so our lives increasingly reflect You. Amen.

## **Week Preview**

October opens with Isaiah lifting our eyes toward new creation, while Philippians asks where our confidence truly rests and calls us to press on toward knowing Christ.

## **September Review - The Big Story**

The Servant King — From Promise to Glory

## **The Big Story**

September began by asking what can truly satisfy a human life. Ecclesiastes stripped away our illusions. Wealth, achievement, pleasure, control, and even human wisdom cannot defeat death or give lasting meaning. Then Isaiah opened the heavens. We saw the Holy One, Immanuel, the great Light, the Branch from Jesse, the sure cornerstone, the gentle Servant, the suffering Servant of Isaiah 53, and finally the Redeemer. The New Testament did not leave those promises hanging. Paul showed us Jesus: the One who became poor for us, whose grace is sufficient, who justifies by faith, bears the curse, makes us children, sets us free, gives the Spirit, makes the dead alive, unites His people, loves His church, and humbles Himself to the cross before being exalted as Lord. By month's end Isaiah sees light rising over God's people and a restored people in whom God delights, and Paul points to Jesus, humbled to death and exalted so that every knee will bow. The search for meaning has become a Person. The Servant is the King. It ALL Points to Jesus.

## **Finding Jesus This Month**

- Jesus is Immanuel — God with us.
- Jesus is the great Light and Branch from Jesse.
- Jesus is the sure cornerstone.
- Jesus is the Servant who brings justice to the nations.
- Jesus is the suffering Savior of Isaiah 53.
- Jesus bears the curse and makes us children of God.
- Jesus is Head of the church and the faithful Bridegroom.
- Jesus is the humbled and exalted Lord.
- Jesus is our Redeemer, our portion, and our coming King.

## **Reflect Together**

1. Where did you see Jesus most clearly in September? 2. Which promise in Isaiah became more meaningful to you? 3. What did Galatians teach you about grace and freedom? 4. What did Ephesians teach you about your identity in Christ? 5. What one change will Jesus see you carrying into October?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Complete the sentence together: “This month I saw Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_.” Let each person answer briefly. Then thank God for one truth you want to remember.

## **September Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting us throughout September. You are the promised Child, the righteous Branch, the sure foundation, the suffering Servant, the risen Lord, and the coming King. Keep us from empty substitutes. Teach us to know You, trust You, and live what we have read. Transform our hearts so that our lives reflect You more each day. Amen.

## **October Preview**

October begins with Isaiah’s closing chapters — watchmen on the walls and the promise of new heavens and a new earth — and then turns to Jeremiah, where God calls a reluctant prophet to speak His Word to a stubborn people. The New Testament moves through Philippians, Colossians, and the Thessalonian letters. We will keep seeing the same truth: kingdoms shake, human hearts wander, but Jesus remains supreme. Read Scripture first. Keep the rhythm simple. Keep looking for Christ.

## **September Complete**

You read. You listened. You kept looking for Jesus. Read, read some more, and keep reading until you see Jesus face-to-face.

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## About It All Points to Jesus

After two and a half years of reading the Bible every day together, a husband and wife felt the Holy Spirit speak a simple vision: everyone in the world reading the same portion of Scripture on the same day — Old Testament, New Testament, Psalm, and Proverbs — and seeing how it all points to Jesus.

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