

Emmanuel Evangelical Church Guided Reading Course

Introduction

This document contains only the reading for the first 8 weeks of the Guided Reading Course. Information about subsequent weeks will follow in due course.

Scripture reading

Spend 3.5 hours each week reading the assigned portion(s) of Scripture. Keep reading the assigned text(s) over and over as many times as possible in the time available. Some longer books (e.g. Genesis) are spread across two weeks. In such cases, please don't read the first half of the book in the first week and the second half in the second; instead, read the whole of the book each week for the allocated time. Feel free to listen to an audio version of the Bible while reading if that helps. Plenty of different versions are available, including a free one online at www.davidpfield.com/audio-bible/zip.htm.

Please spend the remaining 30 minutes each week reading R. T. France, *The Gospel of Matthew* (NICNT; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007). I suggest you work through bit-by-bit, picking up each week where you left off the previous week.

Theological reading

The theological reading material is divided into three categories. The *introductory reading* (which is sometimes not included) is designed to give a simple introduction and orientation to the subject under consideration. The *core reading* contains more substantial material, and will form the basis of our weekly tutorial discussions. The *additional reading* will not generally form a part of our weekly discussions. It is intended simply to give guidance about further material that you might find interesting if you want to explore a particular subject in more detail.

The introductory reading and core reading together are designed to take about 4 hours per week to read.

It's probably worth buying copies of many of the works on the introductory reading and the core reading lists, especially those that appear frequently (e.g. Berkhof; Calvin, *Institutes*). Give me a call before buying a book that appears less often, as it may be possible to borrow a copy. Unless you're a very fast (and wealthy) reader, I suggest that you don't immediately rush out and buy all the books on the additional reading list.

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Schedule

	Scripture reading	Theological topic	Introductory reading	Core reading	Additional reading
1	Genesis	How to read and how to think	Bahnsen, 'Debate'	Frame, <i>Knowledge</i> , ch 8, app E, F, G, pp. 242-301, 369-379 [71] Field, 'Read' [5] Jeffery, 'Fallacies' [8]	
2	Genesis	How to speak	Nicole, <i>Polemic</i> [9]	Thielicke [~45, ½-sized] Frame, <i>Life</i> , app D, pp. 938-942 [5] Calvin, <i>Institutes</i> , III.vii-viii (1:689-712) [24]	Mahaney, <i>Humility</i>
3	Exodus	Prayer		Calvin, <i>Institutes</i> , III.xx (2:850-920) [71] Bounds, <i>Prayer</i> [35]	Edwards, 'Prayer' Augustine, <i>Confessions</i> Phelps, <i>Still</i> Carson, <i>Reformation</i>
4	Exodus	Our knowledge of God (1) – Natural and special revelation	Berkhof, 1.I (pp. 19-28) [10]	Calvin, <i>Institutes</i> , I.i-vi (1:35-74) [40] Leithart, 'Law' [28] Leithart, 'Moses' [20]	
5	Leviticus	Our knowledge of God (2) – Scripture		Calvin, <i>Institutes</i> , I.vii-x (1:74-99) [26] Wilson, 'Sola' [32] Ryken, <i>Imagery</i> [as much as you can in the time left after reading the other works]	Packer, <i>Fundamentalism</i> Ward, <i>Words</i> Mathison, <i>Scriptura</i> Bruce, <i>Canon</i> Metzger, <i>Canon</i>
6	Leviticus	The doctrine of God (1) – God's being, attributes and names	Berkhof, 1a.III-IV (pp. 41-56) [16]	Calvin, <i>Institutes</i> , I.xi-xii (1:99-120) [22] Bavinck, <i>Dogmatics 2</i> , ch 3 (2:95-147) [53]	Bray, <i>God</i>
7	Numbers	The doctrine of God (2) – The incommunicable attributes	Berkhof, 1a.V-VI (pp. 52-63) [12]	Bavinck, <i>Dogmatics 2</i> , ch 4 (2:148-177) [30] Frame, <i>Other</i> , pp. 143-190 [58]	
8	Numbers	The doctrine of God (3) – The communicable attributes	Berkhof, 1a.VII (pp. 64-81) [18]	Weinandy, <i>Suffer</i> , ch 1-5, pp. 1-112 [112]	Bavinck, <i>Dogmatics 2</i> , ch 5 (2:178-255) [78]