

# Lord's Grace - 40 Days Through The Gospel of John

For 2012, the theme for our English congregation is **Pursuing Growth For His Glory**. We're motivated by Paul's prayer for the church in Colossians 1...

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. (Colossians 1:9-12 ESV)

God does His work in us, but we are to actively participate with Him by praying, reading and reflecting on His Word, and living according to His truth. Our desire is to 'bear fruit' for Him and be a vessel through which His glory and power are seen.

To kick off the year, we would like to read through the Gospel of John as a congregation. We hope that we can get more into the habit and blessing of being in God's Word and to even edify each other with what we learn. Even if you have a habit and plan for daily devotions, we hope you'll join in this spiritual exercise so that we can all know the blessing of this shared experience. Each reading of 20-40 verses should only take about 15-20 minutes a day.

## Helpful guidelines\*:

- 1. Read:** Quiet your heart and ask God to help you to focus. Read slowly, carefully, thoughtfully. What catches your attention? Read with faith, trusting that God will reveal to you through His Word in due time.
- 2. Reflect:** Let the word of God illuminate you. What is the Lord revealing to you through His Scripture? Consider the meaning of what you're reading.
- 3. Respond:** Meditate on the text and think about how you might respond. Consider any promises to claim, attitudes to change, challenges to accept, sins to confess, commands to obey, actions to take, examples to follow. Focus on one take-away action item for the day.
- 4. Rest:** After receiving God's Word gratefully, quietly rest in His love for you. Prayerfully commit yourself to live for the Lord in accordance with His Word.

\* adapted from West Houston Chinese Church

# Reading Schedule The Gospel of John

1	1/2/12, Mon	Jn 1:1-34
2	1/3/12, Tue	Jn 1:35-51
3	1/4/12, Wed	Jn 2:1-25
4	1/5/12, Thu	Jn 3:1-21
5	1/6/12, Fri	Jn 3:22-36
6	1/7/12, Sat	Jn 4:1-38
7	1/9/12, Mon	Jn 4:39-54
8	1/10/12, Tue	Jn 5:1-24
9	1/11/12, Wed	Jn 5:25-47
10	1/12/12, Thu	Jn 6:1-21
11	1/13/12, Fri	Jn 6:22-59
12	1/14/12, Sat	Jn 6:60-71
13	1/16/12, Mon	Jn 7:1-24
14	1/17/12, Tue	Jn 7:25-53
15	1/18/12, Wed	Jn 8:1-30
16	1/19/12, Thu	Jn 8:31-59
17	1/20/12, Fri	Jn 9:1-41
18	1/21/12, Sat	Jn 10:1-21
19	1/23/12, Mon	Jn 10:22-42
20	1/24/12, Tue	Jn 11:1-16
21	1/25/12, Wed	Jn 11:17-44
22	1/26/12, Thu	Jn 11:45-12:11
23	1/27/12, Fri	Jn 12:12-50
24	1/28/12, Sat	Jn 13:1-20
25	1/30/12, Mon	Jn 13:21-38
26	1/31/12, Tue	Jn 14:1-15
27	2/1/12, Wed	Jn 14:16-31
28	2/2/12, Thu	Jn 15:1-27
29	2/3/12, Fri	Jn 16:1-15
30	2/4/12, Sat	Jn 16:16-33
31	2/6/12, Mon	Jn 17:1-26
32	2/7/12, Tue	Jn 18:1-24
33	2/8/12, Wed	Jn 18:25-40
34	2/9/12, Thu	Jn 19:1-16
35	2/10/12, Fri	Jn 19:17-30
36	2/11/12, Sat	Jn 19:31-42
37	2/13/12, Mon	Jn 20:1-18
38	2/14/12, Tue	Jn 20:19-31
39	2/15/12, Wed	Jn 21:1-14
40	2/16/12, Thu	Jn 21:15-25