

Please pray:

- ✳ Summer School of Truth (Aug 1-6): Pray that the young people would be constituted with the truth, that all these truths would be applied to them in their experience; that they would receive a vision concerning the church and that they would enter into the practical church life; pray for the strengthening of the serving ones as shepherds to care for the young people during and after the SSOT.
- ✳ As the government of Quebec is easing up more and more the restrictions, may we be encouraged to meet in person with proper measures; may the Lord cover all the saints and bless the assembly of the saints; may the meetings and the blending times in person be fully recovered according to the Lord's timing.
- ✳ Prayer for FTTA and FTTA-XB Fall 2021 term: As we resume the training in person this August, we would like to enter into the term in much prayer and according to the Lord's leading. The following verse and footnote expresses our desire: Ezek. 36:37 - "Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Moreover for this I will be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock." The footnote on "inquired" reads: The Lord promised to increase our number with men like a flock, but we need to pray for this and ask Him to do it (cf. Luke 10:2). Pray to the Lord to increase our number by sending 120 1st term FTTA trainees to Anaheim and 20 FTTA-XB trainees to Boston for Fall 2021.
- ✳ European Young People's Conferences (26 July — 15 August): This year's European Young People's Conference will be carried out regionally, in person and remotely, and at different times between 26 July and 15 August. Please pray for the Lord's continued blessing on the YP conferences in Europe, especially that the Lord will gain a group of young people who will be one with Him to consummate His eternal economy by building up His organic Body for His coming back.
- ✳ French seminar by Rhema (August 21): Pray that the shepherds be released to attend this seminar; pray for the release of the contacts who are already released in the heavens to attend; pray for the preparation of the hearts of the contacts to be good ground to receive the Lord's speaking; pray for all the preparations for this seminar; pray that all the aspects will be covered by the Lord and that the enemy will have no ground in this time; pray that we will gain remaining fruit from this seminar.
- ✳ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✳ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Acts 23:16 – 27:26

- ✳ HWMR: The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age, and the Coming of the Lord, week 3

Announcements

- ✳ We will do a whole meeting hall cleaning the first Lord's table of the Month. Please bring your lunch on that day. The cleaning will begin after lunch.
- ✳ Please consider before the Lord carefully and provide us with the prayer burdens before Saturday of every week. Please send the prayer burdens to Allan Yeow. His email address is allan.yeow81@gmail.com. Note that due to limited space on the newsletter, we may not be able to put all the prayer burdens that are sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Aug 1-6, 2021: **Summer School of Truth (SSOT)**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

1 August LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
2 Monday	✳
3 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
4 Wednesday	✳
5 Thursday	✳
6 Friday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
7 Saturday	✳
8 August LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings

READING THE BIBLE

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Psa. 119:9-11, 15, 105, 140, 148

II. BASIC PRINCIPLES IN READING THE BIBLE (Continued)

From this example we see that the first basic principle in reading the Bible is to discover the facts. If we cannot discover any facts, we cannot expect to receive any light from God. It is not a question of how many times we have read the Bible, but a question of the facts we have discovered through our many times of reading.

Paul was a person who knew how to discover facts. Consider what he said in Galatians 3. He saw from Genesis that God would bless the nations through the seed of Abraham. God used the word seed in its singular form, not in its plural form. This refers to Christ. First, Paul discovered this fact. He saw that the nations would be blessed through the seed of Abraham, and he saw that this was a unique seed. From this he realized that this seed referred to Christ. If it had been plural, it would have referred to the many children of Abraham, that is, the Jews, and the meaning would be completely different. Paul read the Scripture thoroughly and discovered the facts.

In the Bible there are many facts. Whether or not a person is rich in God's Word depends on how many facts he has discovered. The more facts he discovers, the richer he becomes. If he cannot discover any facts and if he reads through the Bible in a hasty and mindless way, he will not understand much.

In reading the Bible, we must learn to discover the facts. After this we should memorize, analyze, and compare these facts. Finally, we should kneel down before God and ask for light.

III. DIFFERENT WAYS TO READ THE BIBLE

We should read our Bible during two different periods of time. We should have two copies of the Bible for these two occasions. One period can be in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Or we can do both early in the morning by reading one way during the first half of our time and another way during the second half of our time. These two periods of time must be separate. In the morning period or the first half of the early morning reading, we should meditate, praise, and pray as we read the Word, mixing our reading with meditation, praise, and prayer. This period of reading is for receiving spiritual food and for strengthening our spirit. Do not read too much during this time; three or four verses is sufficient. The afternoon time, or the second half of the early morning reading, should be longer. During this time, we should read for the purpose of learning more about God's Word.

If possible, we should have two Bibles. The Bible used in the first period should not have any marks or notes written in it (except dates, which we will mention later). The Bible used in the second period can contain whatever we have been touched with, either by jotting down notes or by circling or underlining words or passages. The Bible used in the first period can contain dates—dates on which we came across a special verse, made a deal with the Lord, or had a special experience. We should write down the date next to such a verse, indicating that we met God through this

verse on that date. Do not write down anything other than dates. The Bible used in the second period is for understanding, and we should write down all the spiritual facts we discover and the light we have received. Now let us discuss the way to read the Bible during these two periods of time.

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