

People of the Book: New Testament Overview

2 Peter 3:14-18

Prayer Link**Prayers for the Community**

American Troops and their families; all families, tribes and nations to know and experience God's peace.
Additional Requests: _____

SUGAR RIVER'S PRAYER MINISTRY IS SEEKING REQUESTS

Did you know that Sugar River UMC has an active E-Prayer Chain? A group of people have covenanted to pray for special requests they receive periodically via email. If you have a request you would like the E-Prayer Chain to pray for, please send it to: amberw@wisconsinumc.org. Amber will send out the request as soon as possible to activate our circle of prayer.

If you would like to become a "Link" on our E-Prayer Chain, please send your email address to Amber at the address listed above. New "links" are always welcome!

Inspirational Link**Thoughts and Insights from Worship****I. What is the New Testament?**

A. *A Collection of 1st Century Writings*

B. *What "got in" and why?*

C. *How are the Books arranged? Who are the most prolific writers?*

II. A Timeline of the New Testament

Which were the earliest books written? Why were the gospels written when they were?

III. The Geography of the New Testament**IV. The Message of the NT and Why We Should Read It**

A. *The Message...*

B. *Discerning truth from error*

C. *Knowing, Loving, Serving God*

D. *The Secret and the New Testament (Philippians 4:12-13)*

The Word Link**Daily Readings from God's Word**

Monday, April 7 – The Gospels. The gospels are not simply biographies of Jesus; they are intended to teach and proclaim who Jesus is, what his life, death and resurrection mean for the lives of his followers, and to express what his will is for how we live. Let's read a few different types of passages from the gospels today. Read the following and answer these questions: What does this teach me about Jesus? What does it teach me about what it means to be His follower: **Read Mark 1:14-17, Matthew 5:14-16, Luke 15:1-7.**



Tuesday, April 8 – *The Acts of the Apostles*. Acts was written by Luke and tells of the spread of the gospel from Jerusalem to the capital city of the Roman Empire. Its three major characters are Peter, Paul, and, in large part, the Holy Spirit working through them. As you read, ask what the passages teach you about early Christians, and about God's will for your life today: **Read Acts 2:38-47 and Acts 16:6-34.**

Wednesday, April 9 – *The Epistles of Paul*. Paul's letters were written to address the challenges and needs of the early church, including theological disagreements and practical issues of how to live as Christians. **Read Philippians** (as much as you have time for). What was Paul feeling? What was happening in his life? In the church? How do his words speak to you about how a follower of Jesus is meant to live?

Thursday, April 10 – *The General Epistles*. The General Epistles are those written by persons other than Paul. James is filled with practical wisdom and advice for living as followers of Jesus. **Read James 1**. Listen for God to speak to you through these verses.

Friday, April 11 – *The Revelation of John*. Revelation is actually an extended letter written to seven churches in what is today Turkey. It was written during a time when Christians were tested and tempted to compromise their faith to fit into society and the Roman Empire. If they refused they might be oppressed for a time, even martyred, but in the end, Christ would defeat the forces of evil and the dead would reign with him. **Read Revelation 3:14-22 and 21:1-7.**

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The Spirit Link

God's Action Point for My Life

I feel led by God to...