**2021 Read Through the New Testament**

In 2021, I am praying that the Holy Spirit would give us a deeper love for God’s Word by reading through the entire New Testament. While you may read and study the New Testament in a different way, consider the SOAP method explained below (A SOAP template is found on the back side of this paper):

**Scripture** – Read through the passage slowly. What words or verses stand out to you? Write them down on your sheet. Focus your attention on these words or verse.

**Observation** – ***Consider a couple of the following questions and write the answers on your sheet***:

What is God saying about Himself? What does it say about sin and people’s need for a Savior? What does it say about Jesus? Does the passage instruct about how to live life? If so how? What is going on before and after the verse or phrase you are focusing on?

**Application** – Now it’s time for personal reflection. How is God asking you to respond? How will this apply to you and your faith in Christ and living out that faith? Write this down on your sheet.

**Prayer –** Write a prayer asking the Lord to help you to apply what He has taught you so that you can give greater honor and glory to Christ in your life. You will also find places on your sheet to write a verse that stood out to memorize and any other prayers to bring to the Lord.

Attached to this you will find the reading plan for each day in 2021. You can find this sheet, the reading plan and SOAP template sheet on St Peter’s website. A journal may be an option to write responses in as well if you don’t want to use a new template sheet every day.

**A few other notes:**

1) Sundays are a day to reflect on the sermon. The SOAP method could be a tool for reflection on the sermon.

2) At the conclusion of most books there will be a day or two to catch up if you have fallen behind or to go back and reread your notes and reflect on what Christ has taught you. This has great value to see where God has grown you.

3) Consider getting together (or talking if not currently comfortable with meeting in-person) with one or two people (of the same gender or a couple with another couple) so you can share what God is teaching you. Consider doing this regularly and consistently. If you are interested in getting together with other people, contact the church and we will try to get you connected with others.

4) We want to get many people into contact with God’s Word. Invite others to join us during this year. Regardless of what church they go to, we want people engaged with God’s Word and growing in their faith in Jesus.

May the Lord bless us as we dive into His Word and talk about it with one another.

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