

For the fall of 2019 we will be focused on an initiative to read or listen through the New Testament. As we introduce this initiative, we want to highlight a few points for you:

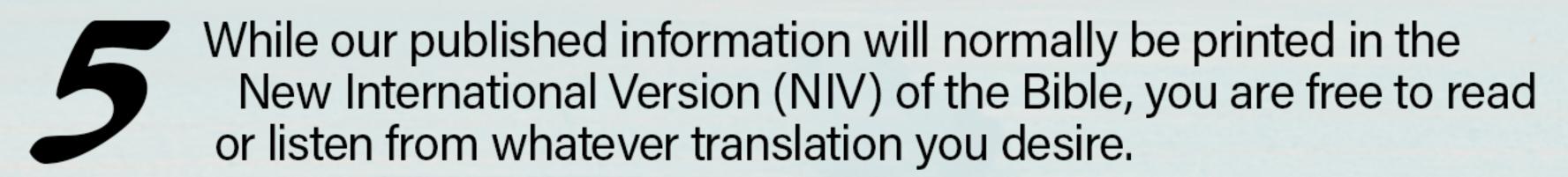
Before you start reading each day, take some time to pray and ask God to direct you and speak to you through His word. Perhaps you can pray something like this: "Father, thank you for the gift of your word I hold in my hands, may your Holy Spirit fill me and reveal the meaning of Your words as I read today. In Jesus' name, amen."

We are beginning on October 1st and will be concluding on December 31st, 2019.



If you decide to join this initiative at a later date, simply begin your readings on the date that you start, and complete your readings on schedule. It will mean your readings will spill over into 2020, but you will not be overwhelmed with catching up, and you will be on the same Scripture readings as everyone else.

Each week features a memory verse that we will be focusing on and asking you to seek to memorize. Each day you do your reading, if you read over this verse six times, you will be very likely to have it committed to memory for life. The memory verse will be printed in the bulletins each Sunday.



On that note, you don't need to READ through the New Testament; you can also LISTEN through the New Testament. There are a large variety of onlineresources available such as www.thestreamingbible.com which are absolutely free!



Listen and read the New Testament simultaneously. Research tells us that the more senses that we involve in learning, the more successful that learning is.

Keep a journal or notepad handy. Write down thoughts, questions, concerns and ideas that come to you.



Here are a couple of other points to keep in mind as you do the readings:

Send questions you have on the readings to questions@firstmoncton.com. We will put some of your questions and our responses in the bulletins.

Be an encouragement to others! Let us know how the readings have blessed you at blessings@firstmoncton.com and we will put some of your comments in the bulletins.

This reading plan provides a solid focus on the New Testament in 90 days. There are only two or three chapters to be read each day, so you will not feel overwhelmed by the schedule. If you have never read the New Testament all of the way through, or you have not done so in a while, this will provide you with an easy schedule to get going. If you get off track, just get started again. Finishing in more than 90 days is better than not finishing at all. If you want to add to the reading schedule, you can read one chapter of Proverbs a day corresponding the chapter to the day of the month. For example, read chapter one on the first, chapter two on the second, and so on. In this way you can read through the New Testament once and Proverbs three times during the 90 days.

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