**Vine Church 2016 Bible Reading Venture**

In seeking to follow Jesus, Vine Church values a growing knowledge of God’s Word among all our people. It is only by meditating on Scripture and then responding to God in prayer that we can grow in intimacy and fellowship with Jesus.

We do this by Hearing the Word thru the reading and preaching of the Bible in our Sunday services. We also regularly Study the Bible in our Community Groups. During 2016 we desire to grow further in Personal Reading of the Bible on a daily basis.

Our approach will be to design a Bible Reading Venture, with a schedule which all of us can follow together. This will be made available to everyone through our website, and also supported by weekly messages. Our Community Groups will be the primary vehicle to promote, train and encourage the continued practice of daily Bible Reading.

While it is true that some of us at Vine may already have an established pattern of regular Bible or devotional reading, we encourage everyone to participate in the Venture to support those who may be trying this out for the first time. Those with experience in Bible reading can serve as great models and pace-setters for their friends.

In addition to setting a reading schedule, the Venture will provide a Guide for recording what we have read, the observations we take from the passage and any opportunities to respond in our life. The Guide will be available on the Vine website as a weekly two-sided handout. We will also have brief training modules for Community Group Leaders in how to introduce the Venture and prepare their members to participate, as well as developing ongoing accountability partnerships among 2-3 members. These and related training modules will be available on Vine Church website for anyone to learn more or catch-up along the way.

We envision that it will take a full Term to implement the Venture, with each Community Group allocating 15 minutes per week to initially train and later encourage in accountability partnerships. We have already successfully trialed the Venture with three Groups during Term 1 and will extend to all Groups in Term 2.

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TERM 2 Bible Reading Schedule

Synched with Comm Group mtgs, 5 readings per week

May 11 I Thessalonians: Ch. 1 / Ch 2:1-12 / Ch 2:13-20 / Ch 3:1-5 / Ch 3:6-13

May 18 I Thess: Ch. 4:1-12 / Ch 4:13-18 / Ch 5:1-11 / Ch 5:12-22 / Ch 5:23-28

May 25 Psalm 1 / Ps 2 / Ps 3 / Ps 4 / Ps 5

June 1 II Thessalonians: Ch. 1 / Ch 2:1-12 / Ch 2:13-17 / Ch 3:1-5 / Ch 3:6-18

June 8 Jonah Ch 1 / Ch 2 / Ch 3 / Ch 4 / Ps 6

June 15 James Ch 1:1-11 / Ch 1: 12-18 / Ch 1: 19-27 / Ch 2:1-13 / Ch 2:14-26

June 22 James Ch 3:1-12 /Ch 3: 13-18 /Ch 4:1-17 / Ch 5:1-12 / Ch 5:13-20

June 29 Psalm 19 / Ps 20 / Ps 21 / Ps 22 / Ps 23

GUIDELINES:

1. Print out and distribute to ALL Group members, even if they’re not keen to start.
2. Discuss with Group whether to start mid-week (preferred) or Mon 🡪 Sat
3. Encourage setting aside 15 minutes a day to read & reflect (5 days/wk)
4. Emphasize to isolate a single verse or two for reflection, not entire passage
5. Review at Comm Group each week, perhaps break into 3-4 people for this
6. First week, just focus on “What does God say here” – a paraphrase of the verse
7. Second week, discuss “How I was impressed by this passage” – my thoughts
8. Encourage everyone, even if not getting to all 5 readings – build on what’s done
9. Remind group by mid-week message – share your own reflections
10. Sixth week, ask people to consider “My Response to Readings” on back page