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# Immerse Features

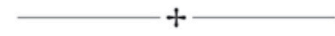
**Natural Structure**  
The natural literary structures of each book are displayed by appropriate layout, simple line spacing, and graphic markers.

**Maximized Readability**  
Line length, line height, font size, and spacing have all been thoughtfully crafted for an optimal reading experience.

**Chapter and Verse Ranges**  
Displayed for quick orientation to the Bible text that falls on each page

**Refreshing Reading Experience**  
Designed to be enjoyed like the bestseller it is.

## 1 CORINTHIANS



This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Sosthenes.

I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

+ + + Alerts you to the book's significant structural transitions



I always thank my God for you and for the gracious gifts he has given you, now that you belong to Christ Jesus. Through him, God has enriched your church in every way—with all of your eloquent words and all of your knowledge. This confirms that what I told you about Christ is true. Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

+ Alerts you to important thematic turning points



I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. For some members of Chloe's household have told me about your quarrels, my dear brothers and sisters. Some of you are saying, "I am a follower of Paul." Others are saying, "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Peter," or "I follow only Christ."

Has Christ been divided into factions? Was I, Paul, crucified for you? Were any of you baptized in the name of Paul? Of course not! I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, for now no one can say they were baptized in my name. (Oh yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas, but I don't remember baptizing anyone else.) For Christ didn't send me to baptize, but to preach the Good News—and not with clever speech, for fear that the cross of Christ would lose its power.

The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. As the Scriptures say,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent."

So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense.

But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.

Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. Therefore, as the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD."

When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than





## How It Works



Groups consist of 8-12 people from your church community. A Bible reading campaign is also a great opportunity to invite friends, coworkers, or neighbors who wouldn't normally join a Bible study but are open to an eight week commitment to read the Bible in a "book club" model. Just try to keep your group under 12 people—it gets difficult to manage after that.



Meet together once per week, planning to spend 60-90 minutes in discussion. Be sure to honor your group members' time by setting a specific start and end time. When time is up, let people know they are free to leave. Of course, if they want to continue talking then use your judgment to give them options for where to continue the conversation.



Even though you are the "host," the meeting doesn't need to take place at your home. We recommend choosing somewhere that is comfortable, quiet, and free of distractions. Snacks and refreshments are great during or after discussion time. Some groups like to share a meal together before discussion.

# Group Guide

## Daily Tips

Commit to reading the Bible as you would any other book, from start to finish. At first it may feel strange to read at length without any notes or chapter breaks, but you'll get used to it. While you read, try to resist the urge to look at any notes or commentaries in other Bibles. Simply read the Bible as a story—you can go back and "dig deep" later.

Read the assigned readings each day, which will be around 12 pages. Don't skip any intros or resources from your church; they help set the stage for your reading. Many people say reading and listening to the audio version at the same time is helpful. Try to make your reading a part of your daily schedule.

As you read, think about the topics or questions that you will use to begin your discussion. There may be parts of the reading that stood out to you, or you can find recommended conversation starters on the Quick Start Guide that comes inside the book. Feel free to make notes in the book or in a separate journal.

## Weekly Group Time

Meet once a week in groups to talk about what you've read. Treat these gatherings more like a book club than a Bible study. The goal is to have open, honest conversations about your reactions to the week's reading.

Use and prepare to answer the following 4 questions each week. Remember, each of these questions is meant to lead to discussion, not quick responses.

### 4 conversation starters:

- What stood out to you this week?
- Was there anything confusing or troubling?
- Did anything make you think differently about God?
- How might this change the way we live?



# Host Guide

- Encourage your group to stick to the reading schedule. There will inevitably be days when they can't find time to read, but they should try not to fall too far behind. If a group member hasn't finished the reading in time for the group discussion, have them skip ahead to the current week rather than trying to catch up. They can always go back later and read what they missed.
- Incorporate prayer into the experience. Each day before reading, group members should pause and pray, asking the Holy Spirit to open their hearts to receive God's word (we've included a sample prayer at the beginning of each Immerse volume). We also encourage you to open each group discussion with prayer.
- Have clearly agreed-upon start and finish times and commit to keeping them.
- Sometimes one of your group members will have something specific they want to talk about at the beginning. If so, great. If not, use the discussion questions the GROUP Method to get the conversation started.
- Emphasize respect for others. If you'd like, share these rules for good conversation with your group at the beginning of each meeting: .
  1. Don't dominate the conversation.
  2. Listen carefully to others.
  3. Respect others and what they share, even if you disagree.
  4. Try not to interrupt—you will get a chance to speak
- Some people may want to search for answers on the internet during the discussion. While this can be helpful on occasion, try to keep it from becoming distracting or disruptive. Encourage group members to stay engaged in the conversation; they can look things up later.
- Try to keep the conversation moving. If a question or issue gets to be too difficult, don't get bogged down. Table the topic, contact your pastor for assistance, then come back to it the following week.



# Immerse Reading Plan

## Week 1

### *Luke-Acts, Part 1*

Day 1 pp. A9-12  
Day 2 pp. 13-27  
Day 3 pp. 28-37  
Day 4 pp. 37-47  
Day 5 pp. 47-59

## Week 2

### *Acts, 1 & 2 Thessalonians*

Day 6 pp. 61-70  
Day 7 pp. 70-82  
Day 8 pp. 82-94  
Day 9 pp. 95-110  
Day 10 pp. 111-123

## Week 3

### *1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Romans*

Day 11 pp. 125-135  
Day 12 pp. 135-148  
Day 13 pp. 149-164  
Day 14 pp. 165-175  
Day 15 pp. 177-190

## Week 4

### *Romans, Philemon, Colossians, Ephesians, Philippians, 1 Timothy, Titus, 2 Timothy*

Day 16 pp. 190-202  
Day 17 pp. 203-214  
Day 18 pp. 215-224  
Day 19 pp. 225-241  
Day 20 pp. 243-255

## Week 5

### *Mark, 1 & 2 Peter, Jude*

Day 21 pp. 257-268  
Day 22 pp. 268-279  
Day 23 pp. 279-292  
Day 24 pp. 293-301  
Day 25 pp. 303-310

## Week 6

### *Matthew*

Day 26 pp. 311-324  
Day 27 pp. 324-336  
Day 28 pp. 337-345  
Day 29 pp. 345-358  
Day 30 pp. 358-366

## Week 7

### *Hebrews, James, John*

Day 31 pp. 367-377  
Day 32 pp. 377-387  
Day 33 pp. 389-396  
Day 34 pp. 397-411  
Day 35 pp. 411-423

## Week 8

### *John, 1–3 John, Revelation*

Day 36 pp. 424-437  
Day 37 pp. 439-452  
Day 38 pp. 453-459  
Day 39 pp. 460-471  
Day 40 pp. 471-482



### *Immerse Messiah: 8 Week*

**Available for free on Apple Podcasts, Audible, Spotify, and wherever you get your podcasts.**





# Standard Bible Reading Plan

## Week 1

### *Luke-Acts, Part 1*

- Day 1 Intros – Luke 4:13
- Day 2 Luke 4:14 - 9:50
- Day 3 Luke 9:51 - 13:21
- Day 4 Luke 13:22 - 19:27
- Day 5 Luke 19:28 - 24:53 (end)

## Week 2

### *Acts, 1 & 2 Thessalonians*

- Day 6 Acts 1 – 6:7
- Day 7 Acts 6:8 - 12:24
- Day 8 Acts 12:25 - 19:20
- Day 9 Acts 19:21 - 28:31 (end)
- Day 10 Intros – 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

## Week 3

### *1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Romans*

- Day 11 Intro – 1 Corinthians 7:24
- Day 12 1 Corinthians 7:25 - 16:24 (end)
- Day 13 Intro – 2 Corinthians 13:14 (end)
- Day 14 Intro – Galatians 6:18 (end)
- Day 15 Intro – Romans 8:39

## Week 4

### *Romans, Philemon, Colossians, Ephesians, Philippians, 1 Timothy, Titus, 2 Timothy*

- Day 16 Romans 9:1 - 16:27
- Day 17 Intros – Philemon & Colossians
- Day 18 Intro – Ephesians
- Day 19 Intros – Philippians & 1 Timothy
- Day 20 Intros – Titus & 2 Timothy

## Week 5

### *Mark, 1 & 2 Peter, Jude*

- Day 21 Intro – Mark 6:6
- Day 22 Mark 6:6 - 10:52
- Day 23 Mark 11:1 - 16:20 (end)
- Day 24 Intro – 1 Peter
- Day 25 Intros – 2 Peter & Jude

## Week 6

### *Matthew*

- Day 26 Intro – Matthew 7:29
- Day 27 Matthew 8:1 - 13:52
- Day 28 Matthew 13:53 - 18:35
- Day 29 Matthew 19:1 - 25:46
- Day 30 Matthew 26:1 - 28:20 (end)

## Week 7

### *Hebrews, James, John*

- Day 31 Intro – Hebrews 7:28
- Day 32 Hebrews 8:1 - 13:25 (end)
- Day 33 Intro - James
- Day 34 Intro – John 6:71
- Day 35 John 7:1 - 12:50

## Week 8

### *John, 1–3 John, Revelation*

- Day 36 John 21:25 (end)
- Day 37 Intros – 1, 2 & 3 John
- Day 38 Intro – Revelation 3:22
- Day 39 Revelation 4:1 - 14:20
- Day 40 Revelation 15:1 - 22:21 (end)



### *Immerse Messiah: 8 Week*

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# Tools & Resources

## 1. Free audio version podcast

Full audio recording that follows the natural literary breaks found in Immerse: The Reading Bible. It is the full text of the NLT Bible with the Immerse Bible book introductions, and that's all. No additional commentary. Just the Bible.

## 2. Powerful video resources

Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The man replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" - Day 6

You can find video resources to share with your groups from Immerse and Bible Project by clicking or scanning the codes below or on the One Million More resource portal.

## 3. Have kids? Grab The Family Guide!

Abridged reading, Hey-O! video and podcast Bible stories, and a guide for going through the Bible the way it was written to be read... together!

### Available as a podcast on all platforms



Scan, click, or search for the Immerse Messiah - 8 week podcast on your favorite app.

### Videos To Guide You Through The Whole NT



Bible Project has created free video overviews for each book in the New Testament and more.

### Download the plan and follow along



Get a fun Bible reading board game, videos, kids podcasts, and more!





# Week 1 Guide

Click or scan each of the codes

## Week 1

### *Luke-Acts, Part 1*

Immerse Weekly Summary



### *Bible Project Videos*

Luke 1-9



Luke 10-24



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## Gather

Gather together as a group, a family, a Bible study, small group or just some friends.

## Read

Read the passage any passages that stood out to you this week

## Observe

Make your own personal observations about the passage.

- What stood out to you this week?
- Was there anything confusing or troubling?
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- How might this change the way we live?

## Understanding

Share each other's observations, and examine how and why the others in your group made those observations. Note when everyone has the same observations, and where there are a variety of observations.

## Prayer

Pray over what you read, for each other, and for application.

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# Week 2 Guide

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### Acts, 1 & 2 Thessalonians

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### Bible Project Videos To Share With Your Members

Acts 1-12



Acts 13-28



1 Thessalonians



2 Thessalonians





# Week 3 Guide

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### 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Romans

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## Bible Project Videos To Share With Your Members

1 Corinthians



2 Corinthians



Galatians



Ephesians



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*Romans, Philemon, Colossians, Ephesians, Philippians, 1 Timothy, Titus, 2 Timothy*

Immerse Weekly Summary



## *Bible Project Videos To Share With Your Members*

Romans 1-4



Romans 5-16



Philemon



Colossians



Ephesians



Philippians



1 Timothy



Titus



2 Timothy



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### Mark, 1 & 2 Peter, Jude

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### Bible Project Videos To Share With Your Members

Mark



1 Peter



2 Peter



Jude



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### Matthew

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## Bible Project Videos To Share With Your Members

Matthew 1-13



Matthew 14-28



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### Hebrews, James, John

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### Bible Project Videos To Share With Your Members

Hebrews



James



John 1-12



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### John, 1–3 John, Revelation

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### Bible Project Videos To Share With Your Members

John 13-21



1-3 John



Revelation 1-11



Revelation 12-22



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