

# BIBLE READING PARTNERS

Would you like to be more consistent in your Bible Reading this year? Would you like to learn about God more deeply this year? Would you like to hear from the Holy Spirit more often this year?

## ***THEN MAKE YOUR BIBLE READING A PRIORITY***

And it's always more fun to set a goal together with someone who can help you stick with it... like having a team member to run the course with. So, here's an idea I (Pastor Marcus) think may work great for you...

STEP 1: Find a **partner** who wants to set a Bible reading goal together with you. (Your goals don't have to be the same).

STEP 2: Each of you sets a Bible Reading **goal** for the year. Here are some examples:

\*Read 1 chapter a day, starting in Genesis. (This will take you a little more than 3 years to complete the Bible.)

\*Read 2 chapters a day. (This will take you a little more than 2 years to complete the Bible.)

\*Follow the Bible Reading plan available in the church lobby (this is a one-year plan.)

Be sure that the goal you set is attainable. Don't set a goal that is so far-fetched that you'll fail in the first month. Set a goal slightly higher than what you normally do now. This will stretch your spiritual muscles so that you can grow into a new, consistent strength.

STEP 3: Get a **notebook** to keep track of your daily progress. You can also jot down any thoughts that come to you from your reading. My favorite thing to do is to pick one verse or one thought that appealed to me that day and write it down. This helps me stay engaged with my reading and helps me keep my eyes open for something that God is trying to show me.

STEP 4: Determine a time each week that you and your partner are going to talk or email your reading results for the week. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!** You must **communicate** every week. If you fail in your goal, be honest with your partner and then work at it again next week.

STEP 5: Assign one of the partners the job of emailing me your results each week. I will be the overall **"coach"** of the Bible Reading partners. If you decide to quit during the year, please let me know that, too, so I can take you off the list. My email address is [pastormarcus01@gmail.com](mailto:pastormarcus01@gmail.com) .

## YES, please put us on your list as Bible Reading partners in 2012. Our goals are:

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