

The Big Read—Deut. 31:9-13

- **Who should participate?**
 - **Men, women, little ones and the sojourner (everyone!)**
- **What is the goal?**
 - **Listen to, learn from, live by and let others know**



Our prayer for the fall of 2019 to the summer of 2020 is that the entire Chapel family would gather and scatter to listen to, learn from, live by and let others know about God's Word revealed in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation



The Structure of the Bible

- OT—5, 12, 5, 5, 12**
- NT—4, 1, 21, 1**



The Structure of the Bible—OT

- **5—Books of Torah**
- **12—Books of History**
- **5—Books of Wisdom and Poetry**
- **5—Major Prophets**
- **12—Minor Prophets**



The Structure of the Bible—NT

- 4—Gospels
- 1—Book of History
- 21—Letters
- 1—Book of Revelation



The Structure of the Bible—OT

- **5—Books of Torah**
 - **God creates the universe and calls a people.**
- **12—Books of History**
 - **God forms His people into a nation.**
- **5—Books of Wisdom and Poetry**
 - **God provides wisdom for everyday life.**
- **5—Major Prophets**
 - **God speaks to His people in trouble.**
- **12—Minor Prophets**
 - **God speaks to His people in trouble: part 2**

The Structure of the Bible—NT

- **4—Gospels**
 - **God takes on flesh and dwells with His people.**
- **1—Book of History**
 - **God sends His people on mission.**
- **21—Letters**
 - **God calls His people into community in the Church.**
- **1—Book of Revelation**
 - **God triumphs over evil to live with His people forever.**



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The Story of the Bible

- **The Bible: God's story of creation, rebellion, redemption, and new creation**



The Center of the Bible



¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.



¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.



²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.



²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:



²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

Matthew 1:18-23



The Center of the Bible

- **The Bible: God's story of creation, rebellion, redemption, and new creation with Jesus at the center**



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19




**And the Word became flesh and dwelt
among us, and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

John 1:14



Matthew, Mark, and John all begin with references to Genesis, the first book of the Bible. This is intentional to show that all you have read up to this point, from creation and rebellion to exile and expectation for restoration is about to be fulfilled in Jesus. The Gospel of Luke begins and ends in the temple pointing to Jesus as the living embodiment of God's presence come to His people.



Matthew takes a break 12 times in the narrative to make sure the reader knows that what Jesus does fulfills what is in the Old Testament, and at the end of Luke's Gospel, we see Jesus plainly tell the disciples that the Bible is all about Him, "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27).



At the center of the Gospel of Mark is the profession of Jesus as the Christ or Messiah, the long-awaited anointed King descended from David to whom God promised, “And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever” (2 Samuel 7:16).



At the end of Mark's Gospel a pagan Roman centurion standing at the foot of the cross is astounded by what he saw and proclaims, "Truly this man was the Son of God" (Mark 15:39)! And John makes sure we know what happens when we place our faith in Jesus as the Christ, "that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31).

