

Ignite: Read 365 Key Chapters in the Bible

Reading through the Bible is an important discipline for experiencing personal spiritual revival.

For 2011, we are asking everyone to read through at least 365 key chapters of the Bible. Reading through the same scripture passages as a church family enables us to encourage and teach each other toward greater passion.

The 365 key chapters of the Bible is available in several different ways:

- You can pick up a **365 Key Chapter Bible Reading Plan in the CVC foyer at the Information Desk.**
- You can purchase **“A Guided Tour of the Bible: A One-Year Journey through 365 Key Chapters of the Bible** by Ken and Karen Boa. *This book may be purchased at their web site:* www.kenboa.org/text/resources
- You can link to the **365 chapters from the CVC web site:** www.cvconline.org
- You can go to www.kenboa.org to view the readings for each day.

We encourage everyone to also read through the entire Bible as God leads. Many one-year Bible reading plans are available on-line.

If you make it through the readings for a day, you can make it through a week. If you can make it through a week, you can make it through a year. And if you make it through a year, at the end of 2011 you won't be looking at the same person in the mirror. *Jesus can ignite you.* And as He ignites more and more of us at CVC in 2011, our church will be ignited, too.

Additional spiritual growth tools for 2011:

- **CVC Classes** (Refer to the “Get Equipped” brochure for details.)
- **Are you in a Community or Life Group?**
- **Books to read:**
 - January / February:** Crazy Love (Francis Chan)
 - March / April:** Why Revival Tarries (Leonard Ravenhill)
 - May / June:** Choosing Forgiveness (Nancy Leigh DeMoss)
 - July / August:** Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ (John Piper)
 - September / October:** UnChristian (David Kinnaman)
 - November / December:** Yet-to-be-determined

Sample spiritual growth plan:

Overall Goal: To grow in my love for God, for others, for the world.

Spiritually

1. Regular, unhurried time in the Bible, using the 365 Key Chapters plan and the Loving God journal.
2. Regular, unhurried time in prayer using the prayer section of the Loving God Journal, and prayer helps like The Valley Of Vision.
3. Seek to more consistently practice the presence of God: abiding in Christ, being filled with the Spirit resulting in greater holiness, joy, and fruitfulness.

Relationally

1. Read and pray with my spouse, taking a marriage retreat during the year.
2. Spend quality one-on-one time with my children (praying, reading, listening, talking, having fun...)
3. Spend quality time with friends and those I mentor, building into their lives as they build into mine.

Intellectually

1. Stick with a consistent reading plan: at least two books per month.
2. Scripture memory: review and lock in verses already learned and meditate on them while going to sleep.
3. Listen to one sermon a week from leaders like Matt Chandler, Mark Driscoll, John Piper, Tim Keller.

Emotionally

Ask God's help in gaining more peace, more joy, and more kindness, especially when conflict arises.

Physically

- Exercise 5 out of 7 days – 30 minutes a day.
- Get a physical.
- Eat more healthy (fruits, vegetables)

Missionally

Do more to help solve global issues (water problems, slave trade, etc.) and help raise money and support for those who do.

Reach out to those around me (family, friends, neighbors).



Think back to when you were most “on fire” for God.
What's your game plan to live this year as a passionate follower of Christ?

Developing Your Personal Spiritual Growth Plan

Ignite your passion for Jesus,
the One who invites you
to live passionately.

Cuyahoga Valley Church...

...helping people grow to be passionate followers of Christ.

Your personal passion...

At CVC, we strive to help people grow to be passionate followers of Christ. It's what an ignited life looks like. It looks like this:

Loving God. Loving one another. Loving the world.

Current Status

Use the following tool to evaluate your personal spiritual health in the above-mentioned 3 areas. Simply grade yourself in light of the following statements [on a scale of 1-10 (10 being highest)].

Loving God

- I attend church services regularly and expectantly.
- I truly seek to experience intimacy with God during both the music and the message.
- I spend time following an organized Bible reading plan.
- I spend time in regular, ongoing, unhurried prayer.
- I am giving generously and sacrificially to my local church.
- My generosity is characterized by priority, percentage, and progressive giving.

Loving one another

- I have become an active and accountable member of CVC.
- I am actively involved in a Community Group.
- I am building a spiritual friendship with an accountability partner.
- I am volunteering in a ministry of the church.
- I am bearing the fruit of the Spirit in my personal relationships (see Galatians 5:22-23).

Loving the world

- I am building relationships with people who do not yet know Christ.
- I serve in local and/or international mission projects.
- I regularly invite unchurched friends to church services and events.
- I am volunteering in a community organization outside my local church.
- I invite people to put their faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Now tally your score. And use the lowest marks to help you develop some strategies to grow.

130-160: ABLAZE Thanks for being an example of an ignited believer. But there's still more of God available for you.

100-129: BURNING BRIGHT You're an example to many, but what's your next move to be even more passionate?

70-99: SMOLDERING It's really time for you to get to be more "on fire".

40-69: NEED A SPARK You are truly in desperate need for personal passion.

0-39: FADING Remember: Faith without works is dead. Do you really have saving faith?

A personal plan to be ignited:

Developing a personal spiritual growth plan

We all need to make changes if we are going to experience revival in 2011. We all need to stop doing some things that limit our passion and to start doing some things that will enhance the possibility of God granting ignition. We must clearly answer the "who, what, why, when, where, and how" questions when it comes to making changes.

#1: Look at your calendar and schedule an hour to put your plan together. Make an appointment for yourself to be alone with God, maybe in the morning or in the evening.

#2: Spend an hour reflecting and praying. It may be helpful for you to think in these five categories: *spiritual, relational, intellectual, emotional, and physical*. Do an honest self-assessment. Ask God to reveal the answer to this question: What changes do I most need to make in order to experience a life of passion?

- How will you grow in your **love for God**?
- How will you grow in your **love for others**?
- How will you grow in your **love for the world** - the people who do not yet know Christ?

- In what area of your life do you need to grow to be more like Jesus?
- Which fruit of the Spirit needs most development in your life?
- What will you read in scripture this year?
- What sections of scripture will you memorize?
- How will you grow in your prayer life this year?
- What music will help you worship more?
- What books will you read and/or reread?
- With whom do you need to build a relationship/friendship with this year?
- What message CDs or podcasts do you need to listen to?
- What new disciplines do you need to develop?
- Who will hold you accountable?

#3: Write down your plan. Call them goals. Call them "Resolutions for an ignited life." Call them whatever you want; but be realistic. Don't set the bar so high that you end up discouraged if you should fail.

Once you come up with your plan, write it down. Keep it visible.

Share your plan with your family and with your Community or Life Group. Find an accountability partner. Then beg God for personal and corporate ignition in 2011.

