

The Present Word

Scope & Sequence 2022–2023



GOD'S EXCEPTIONAL CHOICE

Unit I: God Calls Abraham's Family

1. September 4 The Call of Abram
Genesis 12:1–5, 7; 15:1–7
2. September 11 God Chooses the Younger Twin
Genesis 25:19–34
3. September 18 Jacob Called Israel
Genesis 32:22–32
4. September 25 The Scepter Given to Judah
Genesis 35:22b–26; 38:12–19, 24–26; 49:8–12

Unit II: Out of Slavery to Nationhood

5. October 2 The Birth of Moses
Exodus 2:1–10; 15–22
(see also *Exodus 1:15–22*)
6. October 9 Song of Moses
Deuteronomy 31:30–32:47
7. October 16 The Call of Gideon
Judges 6:1–27
8. October 23 Who Is King?
1 Samuel 8:1–9; 10:17–26
9. October 30 David Anointed as King
1 Samuel 16:1–13

Unit III: We Are God's Artwork

10. November 6 God Picked You!
Revelation 2:1–7; Acts 19; Ephesians 1:1–14
11. November 13 Christ Is Wisdom
Revelation 2:1–7; Acts 19; Ephesians 1:15–23
12. November 20 We Are God's Handiwork
Revelation 2:1–7; Acts 19; Ephesians 2
13. November 27 God Gives Tools for Our Protection
Revelation 2:1–7; Acts 19; Ephesians 6:10–24



FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Unit I: God Prepares the Way

1. December 4 Zechariah Hears from God
Luke 1:5–23
2. December 11 Zechariah Speaks
Luke 1:57–80
3. December 18 John the Baptist
Luke 3:1–20; John 1
4. December 25 Mary Marvels at God's Choice
Luke 1:46–55

Unit II: God's Promises

5. January 1 God Promises to Hear and Forgive
2 Chronicles 7:1–22
6. January 8 God Promises Restoration and Protection
Isaiah 43:1–21
7. January 15 God Promises to Guide Our Way
Isaiah 48:1–22
8. January 22 God Promises Light in the Darkness
Isaiah 58:1–14
9. January 29 God Promises to Be Present
Joel 1:1–4; 2:18–31

Unit III: God's Call and Its Responsibilities

10. February 5 Not Many Elite Called
1 Corinthians 1:18–31
11. February 12 Called with a Holy Calling
2 Timothy 1:3–14
12. February 19 God Chooses the Poor
James 2:1–12
13. February 26 God Calls You into Light
1 Peter 2:1–25

JESUS CALLS US

Unit I: Called from the Margins of Society

1. March 5 The Prodigal Son1
Luke 15:11-32
2. March 12 A Child Is Greatest in the Kingdom
Matthew 18:1-9; Mark 10:15
3. March 19 Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman
John 4:1-42
4. March 26 Jesus Overpowers Legion
Mark 5:1-20 (also see Luke 8:26-39)

Unit II: Experiencing the Resurrection

5. April 2 The Empty Tomb (Palm Sunday)
Luke 24:1-12
6. April 9 Disciples Come to Believe
the Resurrection (Easter)
Luke 24:13-49
7. April 16 Jesus Cooks Breakfast
John 21:1-14
8. April 23 Jesus Reinstates Peter
John 21:15-19

Unit III: The Birth of the Church

9. April 30 A Promise Is Made to Jesus' Disciples
Acts 1:1-11
10. May 7 The Birth of the Church
Acts 2:1-42
11. May 14 Jumping for Joy
Acts 3
12. May 21 An Ethiopian Official Baptized
Acts 8:26-40
13. May 28 Saul of Tarsus (Day of Pentecost)
Acts 9:1-31

THE RIGHTEOUS REIGN OF GOD

Unit I: The Prophets Proclaim God's Power

1. June 4 Your God Reigns
Isaiah 52:1-12
2. June 11 God's Kingdom of Peace
Isaiah 65:17-25
3. June 18 God's Servant King
Ezekiel 37:15-28
4. June 25 Renewed in God's Love
Zephaniah 3:14-20
5. July 2 Peace to the Nations
Zechariah 9:9-17

Unit II: Jesus Envisions the Kingdom

6. July 9 The Kingdom Has Come Upon You
Matthew 12:1-32
7. July 16 The Sower and the Seed
*Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4;
Luke 8:5-15*
8. July 23 Weeds Among the Wheat
Matthew 13:24-43
9. July 30 Finding and Gathering
Matthew 13:44-52

Unit III: God's Eternal Reign

10. August 6 Inheriting the Kingdom
Galatians 5:13-26
11. August 13 The Nature of the Kingdom
Romans 14:10-23
12. August 20 Judgment in the Kingdom
1 Corinthians 4:1-21
13. August 27 God's Kingdom Will Be All in All
*1 Corinthians 15:1-28;
Ephesians 1:15-23*