

Reading Plan

This is a simple reading guide to help student further prepare for the lessons they will hear each week. The questions are designed to help students reflect on the areas of life they will be discussing in their group time, as well as familiarize students with the key scripture of the upcoming lesson. We hope this additional resource is helpful.

Prepare for Worldview Lesson 1:

Monday	Daniel 1:1-14	Daniel had faith that God would not let him down. Are there areas in your life you are displaying this kind of faith? Are there areas you aren't trusting God and are compromising?
Tuesday	Daniel 1:15-21	Daniel and his three friends won favor because of what God was doing in them. What is God doing in you and how might the abilities He's given you help you in your next chapter?
Wednesday	Daniel 2:1-23	Where did king Nebuchadnezzar turn when he was troubled? Where did Daniel turn when he was troubled? Are you going through anything right now that you need help with? How you handle trouble often reveals your worldview. Who are the people you run to for prayer and support?
Thursday	Daniel 2:27-30 46-49	Daniel understood his position. He was an exile, there for a purpose and available to be used for God's glory. His actions show a concept of reality where God is central. Do your actions show you believe God is most important, or are they more about you?
Friday	Daniel 6:1-13	God had given Daniel favor in the eyes of the king. Do you spend more time trying to win favor on your own, or allowing God to bring it to you? Again, how you handle this part of your life reveals how you really view God.
Saturday	Daniel 6:15-16	The king knew Daniel trusted God. Can people tell where your trust lies? What could you change to make it more clear?
Sunday	Daniel 6:17-23	Life will not be perfect in your next chapter. Be encouraged that God will be faithful even in the darkest of times. If you hold a Christian worldview, you will stand out and may even suffer for it. Does your lifestyle set you apart right now?

Prepare for Worldview Lesson 2:

Monday	Acts 17:1-4	Verse 2 says, "As was his custom." Your habits are a result of your worldview. What would your friends say your "customs" are? Do they reflect that Jesus has changed your life?
Tuesday	Acts 17:10-12	How did the Berean Jews receive the word? What does this prove about their worldview? Even in this NextChapter study, you should weigh everything you hear against the scripture. Do you assume every preacher is right, or check what you hear against the Word of God?
Wednesday	Acts 17:16-17	Paul's worldview drove him to speak about Jesus in the Synagogue and in the market place. Do you only talk about Jesus at church, or do you talk about Him everywhere you go? What does this tell you about your worldview?
Thursday	Acts 17:22-23	Paul looked around Athens and could see what was important to the citizens. If someone looked around your life, what would they say is important?
Friday	Acts 17:24-31	These verses say God is everyone's: creator (v.24), sustainer (v. 25), ruler (v. 26), father (v. 28), and judge (v. 30-31). How have you seen these characteristics of God in your life?
Saturday	Philippians 3:3-9	Paul had a wrong view of what was important before Christ changed his worldview. What are the top 10 most important things to you? What does this say about your worldview?
Sunday	Philippians 3:15-16	Paul says, "to take such a view." We are to take on this new way of viewing life. He even says that if we don't, God will make it clear. What currently rules your Worldview: God, your culture, or your background?

Prepare for Vision Lesson 1:

Monday	Luke 18:18-21	We see here a man who had his vision set on receiving eternal life and was working hard towards that goal. What have you set your vision on for the future? What are you doing to get there?
Tuesday	Luke 18:22-25	Having godly vision for your life may mean giving some things up. What are you holding onto that keeps you from fully experiencing God's vision for your life?
Wednesday	Luke 18:26-30	The disciples had their vision changed by Jesus. As seen in verses 15-17, they still hadn't completely got it, but they were moving in the right direction. Is Jesus changing your vision? If so, how? If not, why?
Thursday	Luke 18:35-43	The blind beggar was persistent like the widow seen in verses 1-8. He knew the only person who can give vision is Jesus. Are you persistently seeking Jesus for vision for your life?
Friday	Luke 19:1-4	Zacchaeus was a wee little man, but a rich man too. He had earthly treasure, but based on his persistence to see Jesus, it wasn't enough. Do your plans for the next chapter of your life focus more on earthly gain, or on what God can use you for in the next chapter of life?
Saturday	Luke 19:5-10	Zacchaeus displayed fruit from the change Jesus made in his life. What is the fruit in your life that proves God has changed your vision?
Sunday	Luke 18 and 19	Zacchaeus was persistent like the widow, a humble tax collector, climbed a tree like a child, had much wealth to give up, and needed to be given vision like the blind man. Take a moment and be thankful for the work God has done in you.

Prepare for Vision Lesson 2:

Monday	Proverbs 29:18	We need God-given vision in order to make it through life. Who is casting a vision for you?
Tuesday	Acts 27:23-26	Paul was certain of his destination. Do you have a vision for where God wants you to be in 5 years? Not just where you are, but what kind of person will you be?
Wednesday	Acts 27:33-38	Just because the sailors had an end goal in mind, didn't mean they could go without necessities. How do you plan on staying spiritually fed while on your journey through the next chapter?
Thursday	Acts 27:39-44	Sometimes God uses wrecks to get us where we need. Have there been any "wrecks" in your life God has used to move you forward? What does this teach you about handling difficult situations in the future?
Friday	Acts 28:1-6	Paul's confidence in the vision God had given him allowed him to stay calm in a time of trial. How we respond to situations influences those around us. Have you reacted to anything this year that showed your lack of faith in God? Have you reacted in a way that proved your faith in God?
Saturday	Acts 28:7-10	Paul's vision was not for this Island, but he still did things to bring God glory. While on your journey to becoming the person you envision being, how can you bring God glory?
Sunday	Acts 28:11-15	Paul made it to Rome amidst trial and adversity. Attaining a vision for who you want to be in 5 years does not mean it will be an easy journey. Take heart, God will always send encouragement when needed. What has encouraged you lately?

Prepare for Community Lesson 1:

Monday	Exodus 18:1-7	Family was important to Moses even when in the wilderness. How close are you to your family? What role will they play in your next chapter?
Tuesday	Exodus 18:8-9	We all need to be a part of a community that will celebrate with us when God is doing great things. Who do you have around you that celebrates God's work in your life?
Wednesday	Exodus 18:10-12	Having close friends and family can serve as an opportunity for ministry. God's work in Moses' life resulted in a breakthrough in Jethro's life. Who is in your community that God may want to reach through you?
Thursday	Exodus 18:13-14	It is good to have people in our lives that ask us tough questions. Who is in your life that will ask you questions about why you do what you do? How do you handle being "called out" by these people?
Friday	Exodus 18:15-17	Moses' method was "not good." However, when we don't involve others in our life, it's hard to see what is "not good" because we've always done it that way. What in your life have you "always done" that you need help doing better?
Saturday	Exodus 18:18-19	Doing life alone will wear you out. God has given us tasks that He is meant to be in charge of and we are meant to have others help us with. In what areas do you need help?
Sunday	Exodus 18:20-24	You are about to finish High school. Have you invested in younger students to take your place when you leave? Are you listening to wise council like Moses did to make sure you finish strong and start your next chapter right?

Prepare for Community Lesson 2:

Monday	1 Corinthians 12:12-14	Do you view yourself more often as an individual or as part of something greater? Are you the main character in your story or a role player who moves the story along?
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:15-16	There is no reason for removing yourself from godly community. Have you ever distanced yourself from the church? Why? If not, have you seen anyone else do it? What are you doing to bring them back?
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 12:17-20	Sometimes we can see one person's role or gift as more important than others. Have you ever felt this way? If you've moved on from this time of envy, what did you learn from that experience?
Thursday	1 Corinthians 12:20-25	How do you treat the rest of "the body"? Do you show value to every part of your faith community? How can you do this better? Reminder: These verses say we can't do without the other parts of the body. We need each other!
Friday	1 Corinthians 12:26	We need people who will hurt with us and celebrate with us. We also need to be this type of friend for other people. Who makes up your community that fits this description? How can you be better at being this type of friend for others?
Saturday	1 Corinthians 12:27	The first "you" is written to the church. We are each a part of the body whether in church or not. Are you fulfilling your role as part of the body?
Sunday	1 Corinthians 12:28-30	Know your role. What are your spiritual gifts (there's a handout on the resource page of NextChapter.bgco.org that can help you identify them)? Are you using them?



Prepare for Relationships Lesson 1:

Monday	1 Samuel 20:1-4	Jonathan was a friend who would do anything for David even though it would not benefit him personally. Have you proved yourself worthy of having a friend like this? Are you this kind of friend to anyone?
Tuesday	1 Samuel 20:34-42	Sometimes close friends have to part ways for a season. Are you ready for this to happen when you graduate? Who will you miss the most? Do they know how much you appreciate them?
Wednesday	1 Samuel 24:1-4	David had every reason and all the support to kill Saul, but he didn't. He trusted in God's timing over his own. Do you trust those in authority over you? Are you trying to push ahead into a life you may not be ready for?
Thursday	1 Samuel 24:5-7	Is there an area of life you have disrespected the authority God set over you? What caused this disrespect? How do you make the relationship right again?
Friday	2 Samuel 11:1-2	David was supposed to be at war. If he had been where he should have been, he would not have seen this woman bathing. Have you been anywhere you didn't need to be with someone of the opposite sex? How can you avoid temptation? In your next chapter, where would be a good place to meet the kind of person you would want to marry?
Saturday	2 Samuel 11:3-4	It was David's response to the temptation that got him in trouble. How can you avoid temptation with the opposite sex? How can you keep from acting on temptation should you face it?
Sunday	2 Samuel 12:7-13	David needed another friend to help him see his wrongdoing. Relationships impact all we do. What relationships do you have right now that are good? Which ones are bad? Which ones need repaired?



Prepare for Relationships Lesson 2:

Monday	1 John 4:7-9	Love is expected if you are a believer because God gave us the means to love through his Son. How have you shown love in the last 7 days? Did you miss an opportunity to show love?
Tuesday	1 John 4:8-12	For love to exist in a relationship, it must be as a result of God's work in us. Do people in authority over you see God's love through you? Do your friends? Your enemies?
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 13:1-3	In your relationships, are you more concerned with people being impressed by you...your stories, intelligence and goodness...or with people seeing you love them? How can you better show God's love to those around you?
Thursday	1 Corinthians 13:4-7	In the areas of authority, friends, and the opposite sex...could you be described like this? Are you patient, kind, etc.?
Friday	1 Corinthians 13:8-10	Do you put more emphasis on the things that will fade in a relationship or on these characteristics of love that will remain?
Saturday	1 Corinthians 13:11-12	We are always growing and realizing the way we did things before may not have been best. What can you learn from past relationships that will help you have Godlier relationships in future?
Sunday	1 Corinthians 13:13	Are you a person of love? Who sees love the most and who seldom sees how loving you are?

Prepare for Decision Making Lesson 1:

Monday	Matthew 1:18	Joseph was forced into making a decision by unexpected circumstances. Have there been circumstances that forced you into making a tough decision? How do you feel about how you handled the situation?
Tuesday	Matthew 1:19	Joseph wanted to do right by Mary and by the law. When making decisions, do you first consider yourself, your faith, or others? Are you facing any tough decision right now?
Wednesday	Matthew 1:20-21	Have you ever considered that the decisions you make may be about something bigger? When you make a decision, who will be affected by it?
Thursday	Matthew 1:22-23	Joseph realized he was simply playing a small part in the bigger story. How should realizing our place in the "bigger picture" impact our decision-making?
Friday	Matthew 1:24-25	Making a decision involves a mental choice and physical action. Sometimes we know there's a decision we need to make, but we put off the action. What has God been challenging you to act on?
Saturday	Matthew 2:13-15	One major decision was followed by another. Joseph had clearly displayed he would follow the Lord's guidance. Where is God leading you next? Will you still listen for His guidance once you get there?
Sunday	Matthew 2:19-23	Sometimes God uses our emotions to get us where He wants. What emotions do you have about your next chapter of life? What role do you let emotions play in making decisions?

Prepare for Decision Making Lesson 2:

Monday	Proverbs 16:1	We can plan conversations in our minds, but God alone can give us the right words. As you think about making tough decisions, are there any conversations you need to have?
Tuesday	Proverbs 16:2	Just because it seems right to us does not mean it is the right thing to do. What is motivating the decisions you are making currently? What is motivating your decisions about the next chapter of your life?
Wednesday	Proverbs 16:3	The decision is not so much what you do, but who you do it for. You can have a peace about your decisions if they are committed to the Lord. Do you have any plans not committed to the Lord?
Thursday	Proverbs 16:4	It can be tempting to live like the "wicked", but we need to remember their end. Where have you seen God work out something for "the good" of one of his followers? Has He worked out something for you?
Friday	Proverbs 16:5	Most decisions made without looking up, out, and in are prideful decisions. Have you made a decision on your own that turned out bad? What can you learn from this?
Saturday	Proverbs 16:7	Chose a way the Lord takes pleasure in and you can be sure you won't have enemies for long. Have you made any enemies by choosing a way not pleasing to the Lord? How do you make things right?
Sunday	Proverbs 16:9	Hopefully you are making plans for the next chapter of your life. Have you made the decision that God will be at the center of those plans? Does knowing God will establish your steps worry you or give you peace?

Prepare for Stewardship Lesson 1:

Monday	Genesis 41:8-13	Joseph was faithful with his gifts in a time when no one acknowledged him. It paid off later. Are you using any of your talents right now? Do any of them go relatively unnoticed?
Tuesday	Genesis 41:14-16	Joseph could have used his gift for personal gain. Instead, he puts the attention on God. What does this teach us about Joseph's understanding of the talents God gives us?
Wednesday	Genesis 41:37-40	Since Joseph used his gift to bring God glory, God rewarded him. Have you seen God's blessings as a result of being a good steward of what he has given you?
Thursday	Genesis 41:41-43	Joseph went from being a prisoner of Pharaohs to being associated with him. Pharaoh replaced his prison clothes with royal clothes. Do you remember when Jesus did this for you? Do you live in gratitude of the moment he gave you a new life?
Friday	Genesis 41:44-45	Pharaoh made sure Joseph remembered who owned Egypt, but trusted him to make all the decisions. This made Joseph a steward. Do you see the parallel to our relationship with God? What all has God trusted you with?
Saturday	Genesis 41:46-52	In his blessing, Joseph never forgot it was God, not pharaoh, who gave him this opportunity. Do you see the hand of God working in your life? Have you thanked Him for it?
Sunday	Genesis 41:53-57	Joseph's good stewardship impacted "the world". Who is impacted when you are a good steward of all God has trusted you with?

Prepare for Stewardship Lesson 2:

Monday	Luke 16:1-2	The manager was going to be fired for wasting his owner's possessions. Has God trusted you with anything you are "wasting"?
Tuesday	Luke 16:3-4	Sometimes fear motivates us to get back to doing what God wants us to be doing. The next chapter of life can be scary. What fears do you have about the next chapter of life and how can those fears motivate you to stay on course spiritually?
Wednesday	Luke 16:5-7	This was a shrewd business move by the manager. It was this type of shrewdness that probably landed him the job in the first place. Are there areas of time, talent, or treasure where you have gotten lazy in using for God's glory?
Thursday	Luke 16:8-9	What are you using your wealth/possessions for? Is it for your pleasure or for building relationships with others?
Friday	Luke 16:10-12	In what areas have you been faithful with what God has given you? Where have you not been faithful?
Saturday	Luke 16:13	Where is your heart? Are you serving worldly gain or God's kingdom? Is there an area of your life where you've tried to serve both?
Sunday	Luke 16:14-15	Anyone can justify where they spend their talent, time and treasure, but God knows your heart. Looking at where you spend your talent, time and treasure...what would you say you value most?