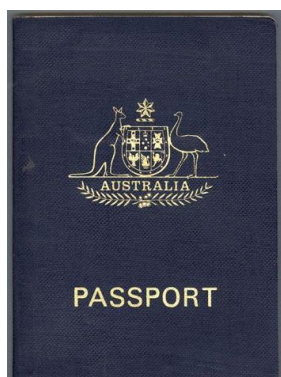


A Guided tour of the Bible Making good use of the E100 Challenge



Propose three components for the 'tour'

1. Personal Bible reading

E100 Challenge 100 readings

OT 10 weeks (5 readings pw)

NT 10 weeks (5 readings pw)

Resources

Punch out card, Companion book (guidance with the 100 readings)

2. Home groups

20 weeks

Resources

E100 Challenge Discussion guide (either one per person or one per group/leader)

3. Preaching

20 weeks

Resources

E100 companion book & discussion guide, Riverlinks' Parish, Launceston, library – OT survey, NT survey, commentaries, *How to read the Bible for all its worth* (Fee & Stuart) – David Rogers-Smith's supplementary notes to preachers, sermon outlines on E100 Challenge website

Proposed preaching series outline:

OT

Week	Focus	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
1	Genesis 1-3	Gen 1:1-19	Psalm 19:1-14	Jn 1:1-14
2	Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-6	Gen 12:1-9	Psalm 111:1-10	Gal 3:6-14
3	Genesis 37-50	Gen 45:1-11	Psalm 112:1-10	Acts 2:22-28
4	Exodus 12	Ex 12:1-13	Psalm 116:1-19	Mt 26:17-30
5	Exodus 19-20	Ex 19:1-8	Psalm 135:1-14	1 Pet 2:1-12
6	Judges 2:6-3:6; 21:24-25	Judg 2:10-23	Psalm 106:34-48	Acts 13:13-25
7	2 Samuel 7	2 Sam 7:1-14a	Psalm 2:1-12	Mt 28:16-20
8	2 Kings 25	2 Kings 25:1-12	Psalm 79:1-13	2 Pet 3:8-13
9	Psalm 51	2 Sam 11:1-5,14-18	Psalm 51:1-12	1 John 1:5-2:2
10	Isaiah 53	Isa 52:13-53:6	Psalm 22:1-8,14-18	Acts 8:26-38

NT

11	John 1:1-18	Isa 9:1-7	Psalm 45:1-7	Jn 1:1-14
12	Matthew 13	James 1:19-27	Psalm 1:1-6	Mt 13:1-9
13	Matthew 14:22-36	1 Pet 1:3-9	Psalm 62:1-12	Mt 14:22-33
14	John 19:16-37; 20:1-18	Rev 1:9-20	Psalm 16:1-11	Jn 19:23-30; 20:1-10
15	Acts 2:1-47	Gen 11:1-9	Psalm 96:1-13	Acts 2:1-13
16	Acts 9:1-19	1 Tim 1:12-17	Psalm 103:1-12	Acts 9:1-9
17	Rom 8:28-39	1 Cor 1:1-9	Psalm 100:1-5	Rom 8:28-39
18	1 Tim 6:3-19	1 Tim 6:3-10,17-19	Psalm 49:1-12	Lk 12:13-21
19	1 John 4:7-21	1 John 4:7-19	Psalm 112:1-10	Jn 13:31-35
20	Rev 22:1-18	Gen 2:4-14	Psalm 36:1-12	Rev 22:1-5,16-21

NOTES ON THE PREACHING SERIES

- The 'Focus' column on the table has the part of the Bible that captures the focus or theme for that Sunday. The reading that comes from that part of the Bible would therefore be the passage preached on. For example, in week 12, the reading to preach on would be Matthew 13:1-9. Occasionally the preaching will cover more material/themes than can be read. For example, in week 1, because the focus is Genesis chapters 1-3, the preaching will not be limited to the reading on Genesis 1:1-19 but traverse the Creation and Fall themes in Genesis 1/2 and 3 respectively.
- The reading that captures the focus/theme for each week is taken from one of the five personal readings in each week of the E100 Challenge. I have prayerfully selected the other two readings for each week to go with the focus passage.
- If desired, the preaching series could be punctuated with a short break in between the Old and New Testament sections and this might be determined by the time in the year your centre ran the series. For instance, if you decided to run it from term 1, 2012, it would be interrupted by Palm Sunday/Easter. I would advise against too long a break in order to avoid losing focus and momentum. The other consideration of course is that it is meant to correspond with and keep up with the personal reading challenge being undertaken by your people.

Costs

Scripture Union (SU) has a 10-pack deal on the website. The pack contains:

- 10 punch out personal reading guides
- 10 companion books
- 1 small group discussion guide

Price: \$175.

To save a further 10% on the 10-pack deal, if we made one bulk order at once for all our resource needs, each 10-pack is \$157.50.

SU tells me that it would be possible for a home group just to have one Discussion Guide rather than everyone having to buy a discussion guide on top of their personal reading guide and companion book.

Options

Of course you might decide for your centre to have the E100 personal Bible reading challenge without also the accompanying preaching series and with or without doing the home group studies. In my view the ideal would be all three components in order to get depth as well as breadth and reinforcement of the themes through repetition each week (in personal reading, home group and church).

Promotion & preparation

If you decide to do the E100 Challenge in your centre, I strongly recommend that you give careful thought to a lead-up time that will creatively promote it and build anticipation and excitement. After all, it is a challenge, and it is an epic journey, beginning at Creation and ending at the New Creation. I would be more than happy to offer suggestions on ways to do this, including showing the brief E100 Challenge promo video in church.

If you had home groups that didn't want to be locked into 20 weeks of studies, I can recommend a Bible study resource that covers the main movements of the Old Testament in eight studies. At least they would have seen the big picture of the OT.

- Revd David Rogers-Smith