

Bobby Valentine
Hearing His Voice:
A Ninety Day Journey through the New Testament
“His sheep follow him because they know his voice”
PaLO VERde Church of Christ

Suggestions:

Our Goal: To prayerfully read every word in the New Testament in 90 days
The daily reading will average about 2 pages or less than three chapters per day.
Periodically there will be suggested readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to illuminate the NT reading.

It is my prayer that God will bless you through his Spirit as you read. Therefore, I encourage you to view this as an act of worship. Pray for your reading. Ask the Lord of the Word for eyes to see his presence and ears to hear his voice.

Ask these questions:

- 1) What is God up to in this story? Through his Son Jesus and his Spirit
- 2) What should the people of God be like?

Hearing His Voice Divided into 13 weeks ...

- 1) Mt 1-22
- 2) Mt 23-Mk 15
- 3) Mk 16- Jn 18
- 4) Jn 19 – Lk18
- 5) Lk 19 – Ac 15
- 6) Ac 16 – Rom 6
- 7) Rom 7 – 1 Cor 9
- 8) 1 Cor 10- 2 Cor 13
- 9) Gal 1- 1 Thes 2
- 10) 1 Thes 3 – Heb 3
- 11) Heb 4 – 2 Pt 3
- 12) 1 Jn 1- Rev 15
- 13) Rev 16-22

Bobby Valentine
Hearing His Voice
Week 1
Matthew 1-Matthew 22
PaLO VErdE Church of Christ

Suggestions:

Our Goal: To prayerfully read every word in the New Testament in 90 days
The daily reading will average about 2 pages or less than three chapters per day.
Periodically there will be suggested readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to illuminate the NT reading.

It is my prayer that God will bless you through his Spirit as you read. Therefore, I encourage you to view this as an act of worship. Pray for your reading. Ask the Lord of the Word for eyes to see his presence and ears to hear his voice.

Ask these questions:

- 1) What is God up to in this story? Through his Son Jesus and his Spirit
- 2) What should the people of God be like?

September 1-7

- 1st Matthew 1-3 – The Coming of Immanuel
As a Jew living under Roman domination what would be the significance of the name “Immanuel?”
- 2nd Matthew 4-6 – The Faithful Son
How does the baptism of Jesus “prepare” him for ministry? How does Jesus time in the desert compare with Israel’s in Deuteronomy 6-8
- 3rd Matthew 7-9 – What Kind of Man?
How is the Question of 8.27 answered by the demon in 8.28ff
- 4th Matthew 10-13 – Merciful Servant of the Lord
Matthew interprets Jesus’ healing ministry through the lens of Isaiah 42.1-4 (12.15-21). Read the wider context of Isaiah 42.1-9 ... why would this be important to Matthew?
- 5th Matthew 14-16 – The Passion Prophesied
Why did Jesus follow up Peter’s confession with a prediction of death?
- 6th Matthew 17-19 – Church Relations
How does Jesus tell Christians to solve problems?
- 7th Matthew 20-22 – The Prophet from Nazareth
Where the crowds correct in their “confession” of 21.11?

Bobby Valentine
Hearing His Voice
Week 2
Matthew 23 –Mark 15
PaLO VErdE Church of Christ

Suggestions:

Our Goal: To prayerfully read every word in the New Testament in 90 days
The daily reading will average about 2 pages or less than three chapters per day.
Periodically there will be suggested readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to illuminate the NT reading.

It is my prayer that God will bless you through his Spirit as you read. Therefore, I encourage you to view this as an act of worship. Pray for your reading. Ask the Lord of the Word for eyes to see his presence and ears to hear his voice.

Ask these questions:

- 1) What is God up to in this story? Through his Son Jesus and his Spirit
- 2) What should the people of God be like?

September

- 8th Matthew 23-25 – Rocker of the Boat
How does Jesus’ rebuke of the Scribes function as a warning to us?
- 9th Matthew 26-28 – The Messiah Crucified & Raised
How does the Resurrection “undo” the Crucifixion?
- 10th Mark 1-3 – Lover of the Outcasts
How is Jesus the “incarnation” of Yahweh’s love (cf. Deut 10.14-19)
- 11th Mark 4-6 – Kingdom Stories & Mysterious Honor
Is there any “symbolic” significance to the water Jesus walks on?
- 12th Mark 7-9 – Redemption Has Come
Does Isa 35.1-10 shed light on Mark’s portrait of Jesus, esp. 7.31f?
- 13th Mark 10-12 – The Teacher
Why is Deuteronomy 6.4 the greatest of all commands?
- 14th Mark 13-15 – Jesus’ Passion
What does the Death of Jesus mean ... *to you*?

To reflect further on the death of Christ you may want to prayerfully read through Psalm 22 and see how Mark and the other Gospel writers have woven this ancient text like a tapestry into the narrative of the death of Jesus.

Bobby Valentine
Hearing His Voice
Week 3
Mark 16 – John 18
PaLO VERde Church of Christ

Suggestions:

Our Goal: To prayerfully read every word in the New Testament in 90 days
The daily reading will average about 2 pages or less than three chapters per day.
Periodically there will be suggested readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to illuminate the NT reading.

It is my prayer that God will bless you through his Spirit as you read. Therefore, I encourage you to view this as an act of worship. Pray for your reading. Ask the Lord of the Word for eyes to see his presence and ears to hear his voice.

Ask these questions:

- 1) What is God up to in this story? Through his Son Jesus and his Spirit
- 2) What should the people of God be like?

September

- 15th Mark 16 – He’s ALIVE!!!
Does the Resurrection affirm the faith of Psalm 118 (esp. 13-29)
- 16th John 1-3 – Word & Wine
If “wine” is a Messianic symbol, what does the wine proclaim?
- 17th John 4-6 – Bread from Heaven
Christians have often read Jn 6 in light of the Lord’s Supper, is there a connection in your mind?
- 18th John 7-9 – Giver of Sight
Is it always someone’s fault that bad things happen?
- 19th John 10-12 – “Disturber” of the Peace
How do you explain the Sanhedrin’s reaction to Lazarus’ resurrection?
- 20th John 13-15 – “I Will Come to You”
How is the Holy Spirit God’s means of fellowship with his people?
- 21st John 16-18 – The Messiah Prays
What do you think Jesus’ prayer would be for PaLO VERde?
How can we “fulfill” Jesus’ prayer?

Bobby Valentine
Hearing His Voice:
A Ninety Day Journey through the New Testament
“His sheep follow him because they know his voice”
PaLO VErde Church of Christ
Week 4 John 19-Luke 18

Suggestions:

Our Goal: To prayerfully read every word in the New Testament in 90 days
The daily reading will average about 2 pages or less than three chapters per day.
Periodically there will be suggested readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to illuminate the NT reading.

It is my prayer that God will bless you through his Spirit as you read. Therefore, I encourage you to view this as an act of worship. Pray for your reading. Ask the Lord of the Word for eyes to see his presence and ears to hear his voice.

Ask these questions:

- 1) What is God up to in this story? Through his Son Jesus and his Spirit
- 2) What should the people of God be like?

September

- 22nd John 19-21 – The Resurrection of the Son of Man
Who was the first person to “testify” or “preach” to the Resurrection?
- 23rd Luke 1-3 – The Beginning of the Messianic Age
Who are the prime characters here in the “beginning?”
- 24th Luke 4-6 – Bringer of Salvation (Wholeness)
Compare Lukes’ beatitudes to Matthews (6.20-26 with Mt 5.1-10)
- 25th Luke 7-9 – Jesus the Scandal
How does Jesus’ interaction with Simon, his traveling companions and his words regarding his mother “raise eyebrows”?
- 26th Luke 10-12 – The Sign of Jonah
Go read Jonah 1-4 (*very short*) and reflect on what the Sign might be
- 27th Luke 13-15 – Lord of the Banquet
Jesus talks a lot about “feasting/celebrating” in this section, what is he communicating with this imagery?
- 28th Luke 16-18 – What it Means to be “Important”
Does Luke 18 sound different if you read it imaging a child on Jesus’ knee?

Bobby Valentine
Hearing His Voice:
A Ninety Day Journey through the New Testament
“His sheep follow him because they know his voice”
PaLO VErde Church of Christ
Week 5 Luke 19 – Acts 15

Suggestions:

Our Goal: To prayerfully read every word in the New Testament in 90 days
The daily reading will average about 2 pages or less than three chapters per day.
Periodically there will be suggested readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to illuminate the NT reading.

It is my prayer that God will bless you through his Spirit as you read. Therefore, I encourage you to view this as an act of worship. Pray for your reading. Ask the Lord of the Word for eyes to see his presence and ears to hear his voice.

Ask these questions:

- 1) What is God up to in this story? Through his Son Jesus and his Spirit
- 2) What should the people of God be like?

September

- 19th Luke 19-21 – Arrival in Jerusalem
If Luke 20.36 refers to being “equal” (NIV renders “like”) to Angels then what is Jesus saying?
- 20th Luke 22-24 – Meeting Jesus at a Table
Do you think that Jesus’ meal in Lk 24 is the fulfillment of 22.16?

October

- 1st Acts 1-3 – Coming of the Spirit
What is the significance of the Pentecost for “Christians?”
- 2nd Acts 4-6 – Life in the Early Community
Where did the early “church” go to church?
- 3rd Acts 7-9 – The Excluded Included
How does the conversion of the Ethiopian look back to Isa 56.1-8?
- 4th Acts 10-12 – Whose Conversion?
Who is “converted” in Acts 10-11, Cornelius? Peter, or the church?
- 5th Acts 13-15 – Struggles to be God’s Church
As you read through these chapters, can you discern the struggle of the disciples to discern the difference in their accepted traditional understanding of God’s will and the direction the Holy Spirit is actually taking them?

Bobby Valentine
Hearing His Voice:
A Ninety Day Journey through the New Testament
“His sheep follow him because they know his voice”
PaLO VErde Church of Christ
Week 6 Acts 16 – Romans 6

Suggestions:

Our Goal: To prayerfully read every word in the New Testament in 90 days
The daily reading will average about 2 pages or less than three chapters per day.
Periodically there will be suggested readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to illuminate the NT reading.

It is my prayer that God will bless you through his Spirit as you read. Therefore, I encourage you to view this as an act of worship. Pray for your reading. Ask the Lord of the Word for eyes to see his presence and ears to hear his voice.

Ask these questions:

- 1) What is God up to in this story? Through his Son Jesus and his Spirit
- 2) What should the people of God be like?

October

- 6th Acts 16-18 – Preaching to Philosophers
Why is Paul mocked in Athens? Is there a difference between merely believing in “life after death” and “resurrection”? Was Apollos a “disciple”?
- 7th Acts 19-21 – Paul the Jew
What does Paul do in Acts 21 that is (perhaps) surprising? Read Numbers 6 for light on Paul’s action.
- 8th Acts 22-24 – Paul the Pharisee
As you hear Paul’s voice in what do we learn about his relationship to Judaism?
- 9th Acts 25-27 – Paul Travels toward Rome
What kind of meal does Paul eat on the ship? Does Luke intend for us to think beyond simply lunch?
- 10th Acts 28 – The End????
What is Paul doing? Why do you think Luke leaves us “high and dry?”
- 11th Romans 1-3 – The Tune of Scripture
Paul stresses his dept to Jewish scripture throughout Romans, why do you think this might be important in Romans?
- 12th Romans 4-6 – Hope in Death; Resurrection in New Creation
What is the goal of baptism in Romans 6?

Bobby Valentine
Hearing His Voice:
A Ninety Day Journey through the New Testament
“His sheep follow him because they know his voice”
PaLO VErde Church of Christ
Week 7 Romans 7 – 1 Corinthians 9

Suggestions:

Our Goal: To prayerfully read every word in the New Testament in 90 days
The daily reading will average about 2 pages or less than three chapters per day.
Periodically there will be suggested readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to illuminate the NT reading.

It is my prayer that God will bless you through his Spirit as you read. Therefore, I encourage you to view this as an act of worship. Pray for your reading. Ask the Lord of the Word for eyes to see his presence and ears to hear his voice.

Ask these questions:

- 1) What is God up to in this story? Through his Son Jesus and his Spirit
- 2) What should the people of God be like?

October

- 13th Romans 7-9 – Fallenness & New Creation
How and Why is the Holy Spirit and New Creation the answer to Romans 7?
- 14th Romans 10-12 – Jews & Gentiles
In what manner does Paul deal with Gentile “arrogance” in Romans 11?
- 15th Romans 13-15 – Debt to Love, Practicing the Gospel
How is loving one another in 14-15 really simply “practicing the Gospel”?
- 16th Romans 16 – Friends & Assemblies
Who was Phoebe and what did she do? Can you name other women in this chapter?
- 17th 1 Corinthians 1-3 – Welcome to Dysfunction Church of Christ!
What surprises you most about these chapters?
- 18th 1 Corinthians 4-6 – The Foyer of Dysfunction Church of Christ!
How would you characterize relationships in this congregation?
- 19th 1 Corinthians 7-9 – The Heart of Dysfunction Church of Christ!
Wrong views on women and sex, wrong views on monotheism and idolatry, and wrong views on apostolic authority! How should we handle our fellow Christians when we are convinced they are “in error”?

Bobby Valentine
Hearing His Voice:
A Ninety Day Journey through the New Testament
“His sheep follow him because they know his voice”
PaLO VErde Church of Christ
Week 8 1 Corinthians 10 – 2 Corinthians 13

Suggestions:

Our Goal: To prayerfully read every word in the New Testament in 90 days
The daily reading will average about 2 pages or less than three chapters per day.
Periodically there will be suggested readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to illuminate the NT reading.

It is my prayer that God will bless you through his Spirit as you read. Therefore, I encourage you to view this as an act of worship. Pray for your reading. Ask the Lord of the Word for eyes to see his presence and ears to hear his voice.

Ask these questions:

- 1) What is God up to in this story? Through his Son Jesus and his Spirit
- 2) What should the people of God be like?

October

- 20th 1 Corinthians 10-12 – Worship at Dysfunction Church of Christ!
For what purpose did women wear head coverings? How would you characterize “church” at Corinth?
- 21st 1 Corinthians 13-14 – Worship at Dysfunction Church of Christ #2
How is love a spiritual gift? There are THREE groups Paul tells to be “quiet” in chapter 14.26ff, who are they? (the word *sigato* is used in vv 28, 30 and 34).
- 22nd 1 Corinthians 15-16 – Resurrection & Dysfunction Church of Christ
The Corinthians are not secular humanists so what is the problem in chapter 15?
- 23rd 2 Corinthians 1-4 – The Beauty of Ministry
What kind of image does Paul appeal to in 2.12ff? What is our aroma?
- 24th 2 Corinthians 5-7 – The Gospel of Healing the World
Meditate on 5.11-21, what kind of message do we have?
- 25th 2 Corinthians 8-10 – The Grace of Giving
How are the Macedonians (the Philippians!) models of people “practicing” the gospel of reconciliation?
- 26th 2 Corinthians 11-13 – Trials of an Apostle
Does Paul’s example motivate us to greater service and sacrifice to the Lord? If we had to make a catalog and boast of our sufferings for Christ, what would we boast of??

Bobby Valentine
Hearing His Voice:
A Ninety Day Journey through the New Testament
“His sheep follow him because they know his voice”
PaLO VERde Church of Christ
Week 9 Galatians 1 – 2 Thessalonians 2

Suggestions:

Our Goal: To prayerfully read every word in the New Testament in 90 days
The daily reading will average about 2 pages or less than three chapters per day.
Periodically there will be suggested readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to illuminate the NT reading.

It is my prayer that God will bless you through his Spirit as you read. Therefore, I encourage you to view this as an act of worship. Pray for your reading. Ask the Lord of the Word for eyes to see his presence and ears to hear his voice.

Ask these questions:

- 1) What is God up to in this story? Through his Son Jesus and his Spirit
- 2) What should the people of God be like?

October

- 27th Galatians 1-3 – Paul Gets Upset
What is at stake Galatians?
- 28th Galatians 4-6 – Paul’s Pains of Childbirth
What is the alternative to “legalism?”
- 29th Ephesians 1-3 – Paul’s Crown Jewel (Ephesians)
How is Peace achieved? What does Peace *look* like in practice?
- 30th Ephesians 4-6 – Living as New Creations
How do we “imitate” God?
- 31st Philippians 1-4 – A Letter to Friends
After reading Philippians prayerfully, what is the secret to living in a congregation “Christianly”

November

- 1st Colossians 1-3 – Paul’s Vision of the Cosmic Christ
When we think of the mission and work of Jesus what does Paul say God is doing in and through him?
- 2nd Colossians 4 – 1 Thess 2 – Insight into Paul’s Ministry
In what *manner* does Paul say he conducted his ministry? Should that inform ours?

Bobby Valentine
Hearing His Voice:
A Ninety Day Journey through the New Testament
“His sheep follow him because they know his voice”
PaLO VERde Church of Christ
Week 10 2 Thessalonians 3-Hebrews 3

Suggestions:

Our Goal: To prayerfully read every word in the New Testament in 90 days
The daily reading will average about 2 pages or less than three chapters per day.
Periodically there will be suggested readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to illuminate the NT reading.

It is my prayer that God will bless you through his Spirit as you read. Therefore, I encourage you to view this as an act of worship. Pray for your reading. Ask the Lord of the Word for eyes to see his presence and ears to hear his voice.

Ask these questions:

- 1) What is God up to in this story? Through his Son Jesus and his Spirit
- 2) What should the people of God be like?

November

- 3rd 1 Thessalonians 3-5 – Longing for the Second Coming
How does the promise of the Second Coming encourage us?
- 4th 2 Thessalonians 1-3 – Don't Be Carried Away by Rumors
How do we have a hope in the future that is firmly grounded in the present?
- 5th 1 Timothy 1-3 – Letter to a Colleague
What is the trustworthy saying that gladdens our hearts?
- 6th 1 Timothy 4-6 – Points of Advice
What is Timothy to devote himself to? Why?
- 7th 2 Timothy 1-4 – Passing on Hope to Timothy
What is Paul's confidence? How does his hope give us hope?
- 8th Titus – Philemon – Letters to Co-Workers
In Titus 3 how are all three persons of the Godhead working for the salvation of the world? How does the Cross redefine the relationship between Philemon & Onesimus?
- 9th Hebrews 1-3 – A Sermon from the Hebrew Bible
Who was Jesus made like? Why is that important for us?

Bobby Valentine
Hearing His Voice:
A Ninety Day Journey through the New Testament
“His sheep follow him because they know his voice”
PaLO VERde Church of Christ
Week 11 Hebrews 4 – 2 Peter 3

Suggestions:

Our Goal: To prayerfully read every word in the New Testament in 90 days
The daily reading will average about 2 pages or less than three chapters per day.
Periodically there will be suggested readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to illuminate the NT reading.

It is my prayer that God will bless you through his Spirit as you read. Therefore, I encourage you to view this as an act of worship. Pray for your reading. Ask the Lord of the Word for eyes to see his presence and ears to hear his voice.

Ask these questions:

- 1) What is God up to in this story? Through his Son Jesus and his Spirit
- 2) What should the people of God be like?

November

- 10th Hebrews 4-6 – The Comfort and Security of God’s Promises
What are some of the “elementary” truths disciples need to grasp?
How does the certainty of God’s promise provide an anchor for our lives?
- 11th Hebrews 7-9 – The Ministry of Jesus
What is the ministry of Jesus ... *now*? Why is this critical?
- 12th Hebrews 10-13 – The Gathered People of God
Reflect on 12.14-27, what kind of vision do we need to grasp what happens during “church?”
- 13th James 1-3 – Living the Law of Love
How does James teach us that faith is not simply a mental exercise but in reality an action expressing the “royal law?”
- 14th James 4-5 – Living the Law of Love #2
Christian living is intensely practical ... how does 5.1ff drive home the point?
- 15th 1 Peter 1-5 – Chosen People of God; Aliens in this Age
What does it mean for Christians to live as aliens in our world?
- 16th 2 Peter 1-3 – Living in the Shadow of the Second Coming
Should faith in the New Heavens & New Earth motivate our lives now?

Bobby Valentine
Hearing His Voice:
A Ninety Day Journey through the New Testament
“His sheep follow him because they know his voice”
PaLO VErde Church of Christ
Week 12 1 John 1- Revelation 15

Suggestions:

Our Goal: To prayerfully read every word in the New Testament in 90 days
The daily reading will average about 2 pages or less than three chapters per day.
Periodically there will be suggested readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to illuminate the NT reading.

It is my prayer that God will bless you through his Spirit as you read. Therefore, I encourage you to view this as an act of worship. Pray for your reading. Ask the Lord of the Word for eyes to see his presence and ears to hear his voice.

Ask these questions:

- 1) What is God up to in this story? Through his Son Jesus and his Spirit
- 2) What should the people of God be like?

November

- 17th 1 John 1-5 – The Cost of Love
Reflect on how closely lovingly fellowship is tied with both God and each other in 1 Jn. How does our fellowship with one another indicate the health of our fellowship with God?
- 18th 2 John – Jude – False teachers & Egoes
Who is an anti-christ? Who is Diotrephes? How Jude 24f make your heart feel?
- 19th Revelation 1-3 – Emails from Jesus
For a church that is suffering, how important is it that Jesus is identified as the faithful “martyr”? (witness, 1.5)?
- 20th Revelation 4-6 – The Throne Room of God
Who is sitting on the Throne? God or Caesar? In the middle of a crises how encouraging is this vision?
- 21st Revelation 7-9 – Seals being Broken ...
Who is “calling the shots” in these chapters?
- 22nd Revelation 10-12 – Enemy of God’s People
Who is the woman?
- 23rd Revelation 13-15 – Worship in the Dark Days
How does worship help us see what is “really” going on and empower us in our lives?

Bobby Valentine
Hearing His Voice:
A Ninety Day Journey through the New Testament
“His sheep follow him because they know his voice”
PaLO VErde Church of Christ
Week 13 Revelation 16-22

Suggestions:

Our Goal: To prayerfully read every word in the New Testament in 90 days
The daily reading will average about 2 pages or less than three chapters per day.
Periodically there will be suggested readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to illuminate the NT reading.

It is my prayer that God will bless you through his Spirit as you read. Therefore, I encourage you to view this as an act of worship. Pray for your reading. Ask the Lord of the Word for eyes to see his presence and ears to hear his voice.

Ask these questions:

- 1) What is God up to in this story? Through his Son Jesus and his Spirit
- 2) What should the people of God be like?

November

- 24th Revelation 16-18 – The Fall of Babylon
Read ch. 18 carefully, what kind of economic rebuke is given to Babylon?
- 25th Revelation 19-20 – The Enemy Defeated
How does Christ defeat the enemy?
- 26th Revelation 21-22 – The Goal ... Heaven & Earth Come Together
Where does the city of God come from? Where is it going to?
What happened to the curse? Where does God “live?”