

**The Essential 100 Challenge**  
The Essential 100 Challenge is a new exciting way to read through the Bible. The Challenge is based on carefully selected short Bible passages, 50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament, that help you get the big picture without getting bogged down.

**SCRIPTURE UNION'S  
BIBLE READING METHOD:**

**PRAY:**

BEFORE YOU READ,  
ASKING GOD TO HELP YOU  
UNDERSTAND HIS WORD.

**READ:**

THE BIBLE PASSAGE  
FOR THE DAY, PERHAPS MORE  
THAN ONCE.

**REFLECT:**

ON THE PASSAGE  
WRITE YOUR THOUGHTS IN A  
JOURNAL OR NOTEBOOK.

**APPLY:**

WHAT GOD TEACHES  
YOU FROM HIS WORD.

**PRAY:**

AGAIN ASKING GOD TO  
HELP YOU LIVE OUT THE WORD.

**HOW TO TAKE  
THE CHALLENGE**

THE CHALLENGE IS BASED  
ON 50 CAREFULLY SELECTED  
SHORT BIBLE PASSAGES  
FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT  
THAT HELP YOU GET THE BIG  
PICTURE WITHOUT GETTING  
BOGGED DOWN.

**FIND:**

A BIBLE TRANSLATION THAT IS  
EASY FOR YOU TO READ.

**SET ASIDE:**

SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE TO  
READ THE BIBLE EACH DAY.

**USE:**

THE LIST PROVIDED TO TRACK  
YOUR PROGRESS THROUGH THE  
ESSENTIAL 50 BIBLE PASSAGES.

**PARTICIPATE:**

IN A SMALL GROUP TO DISCUSS  
THE PASSAGES YOU HAVE BEEN  
READING

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**The  
ESSENTIAL 100  
NEW  
TESTAMENT  
CHALLENGE**

**April 25 – July 8, 2011**

**at  
The Leominster  
United Methodist Church**

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## **New Testament Daily Readings**

### **The Living Word**

Week 1: April 24 - 30

1. The Word Became Flesh      John 1:1-18
2. Gabriel's Message          Luke 1:1-80
3. The Birth of Jesus          Luke 2:1-40
4. John the Baptist            Luke 3:1-20
5. Baptism & Temptation      Matthew 3:13-4:17

### **The Teaching Jesus**

Week 2: May 1 - 7

6. Sermon on the Mount- Part 1  
Matthew 5:1-6:4
7. Sermon on the Mount- Part 2  
Matthew 6:5-7:29
8. The Kingdom of Heaven  
Matthew 13:1-58
9. The Good Samaritan      Luke 10:25-37
10. Lost and Found          Luke 15:1-32

### **The Miracle of Jesus**

Week 3: May 8 - 14

11. Feeding the Five Thousand      Luke 9:1-36
12. Walking on Water      Matthew 14:22-36
13. Healing a Blind Man      John 9:1-41
14. Healing a Demon-Possessed Man  
Mark 5:1-20
15. Raising Lazarus from the Dead  
John 11:1-57

### **The Cross of Christ**

Week 4: May 15 - 21

16. The Last Supper          Luke 22:1-46
17. Arrest and Trial          John 18:1-40
18. The Crucifixion          John 19:1-42
19. The Resurrection      John 20:1-21:25
20. The Ascension          Acts 1:1-11

### **The Church is Born**

Week 5: May 22 - 28

21. The Day of Pentecost      Acts 2:1-47
22. Growth and Persecution      Acts 3:1-4:37
23. The First Martyr          Acts 6:8-8:8
24. Sharing the Word          Acts 8:26-40
25. Good News for All      Acts 10:1-11:18

### **The Travels of Paul**

Week 6: May 29 – June 4

26. The Road to Damascus      Acts 9:1-31
27. The First Missionary Journey  
Acts 13:1-14:28
28. The Council of Jerusalem      Acts 15:1-41
29. More Missionary Journeys  
Acts 16:1-20:38
30. The Trip to Rome          Acts 25:1-28:31

### **Paul to the Churches**

Week 7: June 5 - 11

31. More than Conquerors      Romans 8:1-39
32. The Fruit of the Spirit  
Galatians 5:16-6:10
33. The Armor of God      Ephesians 6:10-20
34. Rejoice in the Lord      Philipians 4:2-9
35. The Supremacy of Christ  
Colossians 1:1-23

### **Paul to the Leaders**

Week 8: June 12 - 18

36. Elders and Deacons      1 Timothy 3:1-16
37. The Love of Money      1 Timothy 6:3-6:21
38. Good Soldiers of Christ      2 Timothy 2:1-26
39. All Scripture is God-breathed  
2 Timothy 3:10-4:8
40. The Coming of the Lord  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

### **The Apostles' Teaching**

Week 9: June 19 - 25

41. The Most Excellent Way  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
42. A New Creation in Christ  
2 Corinthians 4:1-6:2
43. A Living Hope          1 Peter 1:1-2:12
44. Faith and Works          James 1:1-2:26
45. Love One Another

### **The Revelation**

Week 10: June 26 – July 2

46. A Voice and a Vision      Revelation 1:1-20
47. Messages to the Churches  
Revelation 2:1-3:22
48. The Throne of Heaven  
Revelation 4:1-7:17
49. Hallelujah!          Revelation 19:1-20:15
50. The New Jerusalem  
Revelation 21:1-22:21

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### **For Small Group Information**

**Sign Up at Church or**

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