

# ONE in the word

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me (Jesus).” (John 5:39)

## January 1 - Preparation

Today is the first day of your “pursuit” through the written word of God. By accepting the challenge of reading the Bible through, it is inevitable that you will indeed face challenges yourself. You will be challenged to examine yourself. You will be challenged to respond to the word of God. You will be challenged to share what you’ve learned with others. In beginning the book of “beginnings”, there will be much that can be learned and applied to your daily lives. As you dive into Genesis, be prepared to see Jesus on the very first page. Be prepared to see God as Isaiah saw him, “high and lifted up” (Isaiah 6:1), as He unfolds creation as we know it through the “breath of his mouth” (Psalm 33:6). As you begin to see God in this light, be prepared to respond as Isaiah did once he was confronted with who God was: “Woe is me”. (Isaiah 6:5) This Book is incredible. You will learn how alive it really is.

In preparation of your pursuit, the best way to start your week would be to gather together with your local body of believers. This is an opportunity to learn more of God and His desire for you through the preaching of His word, Link groups, or fellowship with other believers. You will have the privilege to worship Him through the singing of songs unto Him from your heart. Worship of God continues as His word is opened and the man of God expounds on the Holy Scripture. Be encouraged to truly apply yourself as you go, seeking the face of God and desiring to hear from Him in the services. As the day ends, think about what was read; read the passage(s) again at home and meditate on God’s message to you from His holy word so that your mind is renewed in Christ and your heart is refreshed in the Spirit by God’s great love for you. Be encouraged to set aside this day each week to worship the Lord in preparation for another week of pursuing Him who pursued you.