

# Bega Baptist Church Camp Booklet

# 2026

*James 4:8 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."*

# Program

## Friday

Arvo – Setup and hangout for those who arrive early

7pm – Welcome, song, small devotion

7:30pm – Icebreaker Activity

8pm – Free time

## Saturday

9am – Bible Study and prayer time in small groups

10am – Group Sports

11am – Free time

12pm – Lunch together (BYO)

1pm – Free time

4pm – Team Challenges (Amazing Race)

5pm – Free time

6pm – Dinner together (BYO)

7pm – Games night

8:30pm – Torchlight worship songs

9pm – Free time

## Sunday

9am – Church service

10am – Sharing and prayer time

10:30am – Free time

12pm – Checkout

**LOCATION for all events and meals** - *Meet at our  
marque area at the time of each event and then we will go  
from there all together if the event is at a different location.*

# Open the eyes of my heart Lord

*Open the eyes of my heart Lord*

*Open the eyes of my heart*

*I want to see you*

*I want to see you*

*(REPEAT)*

*To see you high and lifted up*

*Shinin' in the light of Your glory*

*Pour out your power and love*

*As we sing holy, holy, holy*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord*

*Open the eyes of my heart*

*I want to see You*

*I want to see You*

*To see you high and lifted up*

*Shinin' in the light of Your glory*

*Pour out your power and love*

*As we sing holy, holy, holy*

*Holy, holy, holy*

*Holy, holy, holy*

*You are holy, holy, holy*

*I want to see you*

*To see you high and lifted up*

*Shinin' in the light of Your glory*

*Pour out your power and love*

*As we sing holy, holy, holy*

*Holy, holy, holy*

*Holy, holy, holy*

*You are holy, holy, holy*

*I want to see you*

# You are my all in all

*You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all*

*Seeking You as a precious jewel  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all*

*Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is your name  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is your name*

*Taking my sin my cross my shame  
Rising again I bless your name  
You are my all in all*

*When I fall down you pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all*

*Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is your name  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is your name  
(REPEAT)*

## I want to know you

*I've tried in vain a thousand ways  
My fears to quell, my hopes to raise  
But what I need, Your word has said  
Is ever, only, Jesus  
You died, You live, You reign, You plead  
There's love in all your words and deeds  
This weary heart finds all it needs  
In ever, only, Jesus*

*I want to know You, Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens, King of my soul  
I trade my treasures and all my rewards  
Jesus to know You, then know You more*

*Though some should curse me for Your name  
I have no fear, I have no shame  
You stand with me for all my days  
My ever, only, Jesus*

*I want to know You, Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens, King of my soul  
I trade my treasures and all my rewards  
Jesus to know You, then know You more*

*Like wave after wave on the ocean  
Like all of the sand on the shore  
Your beauty and glory are endless  
O Jesus I must know you more*

*Like wave after wave on the ocean  
Like all of the sand on the shore  
Your beauty and glory are endless  
O Jesus I must know you more*

*I want to know You, Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens, King of my soul*

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Jesus to know You, then know You more*

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Songwriters: Michael Farren / Rich Thompson / Jonny Robinson  
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## Yet not I, but through Christ in me

*What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer  
There is no more for Heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley, He will lead  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future's sure, the price, it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus, now and ever is my plea  
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"*

*Yet not I, but through Christ in me  
With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day, I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me"  
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# Still

*Hide me now  
Under your wings  
Cover me  
Within your mighty hand*

*When the oceans rise and thunders roar  
I will soar with You above the storm  
Father You are King over the flood  
I will be still and know You are God*

*Find rest my soul  
In Christ alone  
Know his power  
In quietness and trust*

*When the oceans rise and thunders roar  
I will soar with You above the storm  
Father You are King over the flood  
I will be still and know You are God*

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# Personal devotion

*This personal devotion connects with the theme of how to grow closer to God through God's word. I really encourage you to do it on your own over the weekend or sometime after camp.*

Maybe you wonder why you struggle to read God's Word. You wonder, what will fuel a strong passion in you for God? Well like the Psalmist in Psalm 119, you need to pray these prayers until you have a burning passion for God and His Word. Pray them until those struggles to be intimate with God are extinguished.

Here are seven things to pray over God's Word and the same seven points are what we also are to do with God's Word so that it burns in us. So, before and as you read, pray these things to God:

## 1. Guard my life by your Word as you store it up in me

Psalm 119:9-11 says, *"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you: do not let me wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."* We need to ask God to guard our lives by His Word and to not let us wander from it! And the way that God guards us is when His Word is stored up in us. When it is memorised and used in the moments we need it.

Pray: "God store up your Word in my life, help me to memorise it so that you may guard my life by it and keep me from wandering."

## 2. Open my eyes to see wondrous things in your Word

Psalm 119:18 says, *"Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law."* There are wonders and gems in God's Word. Every verse is full of them. When we see them, we will hunger for more of God and be set on fire for Him. If only we

would see them! We are so blind to God and the beauties in Him. The psalmist in this chapter has shown the worth and wonders in God's Word and yet he still has to pray to see these things and incline his heart to them. This is the nature of us in our sin, we have something wonderful before us, but fail to see it and run to worthless rubbish instead.

Pray: "Lord open my eyes to see wondrous things in your Word. To see you in your beauty. Open my heart God, I want to see you!"

### 3. Give me life in your Word and satisfy me with you

In Psalm 119:25 we read, "*My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word*" and in Psalm 119:37 "*Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things: and give me life in your ways.*" God can give life... true spiritual life. He can save and He uses His Word to do it. He can truly satisfy through His Word. There is life, strength and delight in God's Word. Pray that God would give this satisfaction in Him and His Word. Pray you would be satisfied not with pleasures, fun, friends or entertainment, but with God and the true life found in Him and His Word.

Pray: "Lord, help me to find life in you and your Word. Make it my delight, my strength and satisfy me with you."

### 4. Make me understand your Word that I may meditate on you

Psalm 119:27 calls out this prayer, "*Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.*" Pray and ask God to give you understanding until you get it. When you read something you don't understand, pray! God is there and through the Holy Spirit he wants to give understanding. And then pause and think on God's Word until He gives you insight and until His Word burns in you. Think, ponder and speak God's Word into your life.

Pray: “Lord, give me understanding. Help me to think on your Word and reveal your truth to me so it changes me.”

#### 5. Give me understanding that brings obedience

Psalm 119:33-35 says, “*Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments for I delight in it.*” When you read, pray that what you read wouldn’t stay as knowledge. Pray it would transform you! If you read and it does nothing to your life how pointless! Pray and plan how what you have read should change you.

Pray: “Lord, give me understanding that I may live out your Word, keep it, walk in your ways and be transformed by it for you glory.”

#### 6. Incline my heart to your Word

Psalm 119:36 says, “*Incline my heart to your testimonies (or word), and not to selfish gain!*” We need to pray this! We are prone to wanting to run to many other things and not God’s Word and God needs to transform our hearts. We need God to mould and guide our heart so that it longs for Him and His word. When your mind is all over the place or when you don’t feel like reading God’s Word and want to run to your phone or a game, pray, “God bend, incline and fix me to you and your Word.”

Pray: “God incline my heart; my desires, thoughts and emotions to your Word. Help me to focus on your Word, bend and mend my mind so that I think on you.”

#### 7. Turn my eyes from worthless things

In Psalm 119:37 we read, “*Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.*” Psalm 119:27 says, “*Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your*

*law!* When we come to God's Word, we need him to remove the distractions and many thoughts we have about worthless things. You know how much you need to pray this! You know how quickly your mind runs to other things when you sit to read God's Word.

Pray: "Lord turn my eyes from what is worthless. Clear my head of the rubbish and fill me with your Word."

If you ever wonder why you struggle to read God's Word and why you fail to have a burning zeal for Him, you need to check, have you prayed for it? Have you sought these things from God, like the psalmist does in these prayers we have seen? Pray these things daily to ignite a passion for God's Word in you. And as you pray these things, seek to do them in your life. Read, think and pray over God's Word until it comes to life in you.

### Digging Deeper

**Read Psalm 119:9-40. What do we need to do to help make us passionate and hungry for God's Word?**

**Read through all Psalm 119 and take note of the prayers the psalmist prays over God's word. Also take note of all the different things the Psalmist does with Gods word. This is what has enabled him to grow a love for the Word.**

**In Light of Psalm 119, what do you need to change in how you approach the Bible?**

### Key reminder

Pray these prayers from Psalm 119 every time before you read the Bible and before you hear it taught.

# Saturday Bible Study

## How to study God's Word?

*INSTRUCTIONS: In groups of around people, read the following information out loud and answer the questions in bold when you come to them. Try to only spend a few minutes on each question.*

If we are to grow closer to God through His word, we first need to properly understand what the bible is saying. If you are able to study God's word and see its meaning, it will help you draw out the correct application and relevance to your life. One of the key things we need to understand in a passage is its context. Every text must be understood in relation to its context. We wouldn't read a love letter in the same way that we read a letter from a king to another king about a declaration of war. Even each book of the Bible needs to be read differently to another part of the Bible because of the different contexts and genres they are written in.

### Literary context - The context in the text

Firstly, we need to understand a passage in relation to the text it is part of. Letters are a part of words, words are a part of sentences, sentences are a part of arguments, stories and flows of thought, which then make up books. We need to understand how these words and sentences fit in the larger context of the book they are written in. That is why we must read through whole books of the bible, not just cherry pick verses for each day.

To do this study the bible with its literary context in mind, you need to look at the flow of thought throughout the book. How does each part relate and change how other parts are understood. Also, we need to study the themes and key things that the author is trying to say. Next you need to understand the purpose in why the author is writing. Once you know what the author is trying to achieve, you will be able to better understand and apply the text.

This will also help you to focus on the main point the author is making and not get caught on small points that were never the authors intention. To understand an author's purpose, we also need to look at the historical context, which we will do soon.

**QUESTION: What do you do to help you read passages in there literary context? How will the genre of a text change how we understand it?**

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### Historical context - The 3 audiences of every text

We need to realise that there are three audiences to every passage that we read in the Bible. Understanding this about biblical passages will help us read and apply them properly.

#### 1. The audience in the text

Every passage needs to first be understood at this level. Every passage and story in the Bible tells us about people, what they did, what happened and God's involvement with them. This is probably the clearest audience in our mind when we come to reading a passage because we read of them in the passage.

Therefore as we read, we must ask these questions: What did the things in the narrative mean for the people in it? What was the significance for them of the things happening?

Also, we need to realise, that at times this audience may be the same as the one the text is written to (e.g. most of the epistles), however, often it is different (e.g. most Old Testament books and the Gospels). An example of this is in the gospel books, which tell of Jesus and His interactions with people at the time he was alive, but we also need to see that each gospel book has been later written to different individuals and groups years later.

## 2. The audience the text was written to

Now we are talking about the written text, not the narrative in it. Every book is recorded by an author, at particular time, to a particular group of people and with a particular purpose. In the Bible, often the stories and events being written about, happened many years earlier.

Therefore as we read the bible, we need to ask these questions: What would have hearing all these things done to the people this book was written to? Why was this text written? What was the authors purpose in writing to his audience?

Answering these questions is so important to properly understanding a text. Imagine if historians in 1000 years came across a cartoon or article on the Australian or American politics of today. They would have to know the culture and what is going on at this time to properly know what that cartoon means. We must do the same with the Bible and know the audience and context it was written in, to understand it properly.

**QUESTION: What is the difference between the audience in the text and the audience the text is written to?**

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## 3. The audience of the future

This is us, and many others in history. All passages in the Bible were written for the edifying of God's church (2 Timothy 3:16-17). 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 summarises many Old Testament stories and it says this about them. *"These things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did... These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on who the fulfilment of the ages*

*has come.*” (1 Corinthians 10:6, 11). This audience may not have been in the authors mind, but it was in God’s mind as He enabled men through the Holy Spirit to write the Bible. He had us and the future readers in mind, who would benefit greatly from these books that were also written for us. Do you realise that? The Bible was written for you! And once you know the original purpose for why a text was written, you can know the purpose it should have in your life. That’s why studying the context is essential.

This means, we need to ask the question: How does this passage apply to me and change me? What do I learn from it? And we should ask the questions we look at on Sunday morning from 1 Timothy 3:16-17 to help us apply it.

**QUESTION: Sometimes reading and properly applying the Old Testament is difficult. 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 has some good wisdom to help us do this well. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13. How does this show that the Old Testament has an audience of the future in mind as well?**

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**What does 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 show us about the relevance of the Old Testament to us today and how we should apply it to our lives?**

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Your turn

**Try the method we have learnt in this lesson on Luke 18:9-14. Read Luke 18:9-14 together. What is the audience that Jesus is talking to in the passage and what was Jesus' purpose in saying these things to them?**

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**What is the audience Luke is writing to and what it would have meant to them (see Luke 1:1-4)?**

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**With what the passage would have meant for these two audiences, think about what God is teaching you through the passage. What is the key thing being taught in these verses in Luke 18:9-14? What do we learn about salvation from these verses?**

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**On Sunday morning we are going to think practically through how we can read God's word each day to grow closer to God. If you have time now, in your group share practically what helps you to grow from God's word. What do you do to properly understand the Bible in its context? What do you do so that you grow from God's Word each day?**

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**PRAY TOGETHER: In the introduction talk, Will mentioned several different things that can grow us closer to God? Which ones do you find you need to grow in? Pray for each other to grow in these ways and for any particular areas you each feel you need to grow closer to God in.**

Take home reminders!

1. As you read passages and study the Bible, try to think about the different audiences of the text and what it the passage would have meant to them. Always do this before trying to apply the passage to yourself.
2. By studying the literary and historical context, use these things to especially see what the authors purpose was for those he was writing to. Knowing the authors purpose will help you know the purpose a passage should have in your life.
3. A study bible can really help you think through the context of passages. (I recommend you get the ESV global study bible for free on the ESV bible app).



