

We're live!

Our 50-day reading plan is on the YouVersion Bible app!

Six months after God miraculously opened doors for us in Edmond, Oklahoma, our first reading plan is on the YouVersion Bible App!

The Bible app has been downloaded more than 1 billion times, making it the world's top platform for Bible teaching.

There are thousands of reading plans on the app, but for the moment, our reading plan is the only one offering video footage from the lands of the Bible as part of the daily devotions.

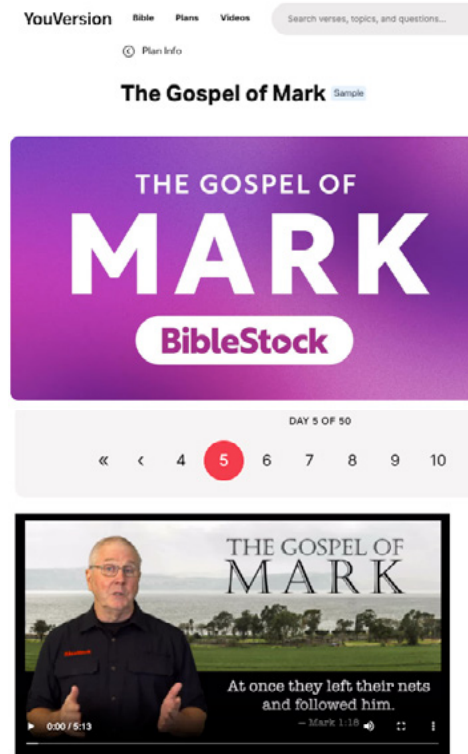
Here's how you can pray for us:

First and foremost, pray that God will use this reading plan for His purposes, and His glory. If that happens, we'll all be blessed.

Pray that people will find our plan. Clearly, with so many plans on the app, the key is getting in front of people who are looking for a new Bible study. While we are working hard to promote the plan, God can do far more than we can ever ask or imagine, if we only ask. So please join us in a bold act of asking!

Pray that Bible teachers and pastors who see our plan will begin using our visual resources at BibleStock.org in their own teaching ministries. We're doing all we can to direct people from the reading plan to BibleStock, in hopes that our resources will soon be used in ministries around the world.

And of course, let's thank God for what He's done. We are in awe of this modern-day miracle!



Galilee: An Invitation to Follow.

Jesus began his ministry in Galilee, a region filled with small villages where people made their living farming, raising animals, or carrying on with a family trade.

Jesus spent a lot of his time near the shoreline of the Sea of Galilee. Towns like Capernaum, Bethsaida, Chorazin, and Magdala were quiet, ordinary places. These were small communities built around family trades. No one living there would have expected to become well known, and none of these towns were considered important in the Roman world.

Yet this is where Jesus chose to begin. He met four young fishermen — Simon, Andrew, James, and John — and changed their lives with a single challenge. "Come, follow me!"

Here are three questions to consider today:

- Does it encourage you that Jesus called ordinary people from ordinary places?**
The world has never forgotten that first group of disciples. But before they were famous, they were simply young men working in their family's trades. Could Jesus call you to do amazing things for him?
- What ordinary part of your life could become extraordinary if you offered it to Him?**
To fishermen, Jesus said: "Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people." What is your talent or trade? Could Jesus use your skills and background in ministry?
- Is there a step of courage — however small — that you need to take today?**
Jesus called his first disciples in a very public manner. There are no "secret" disciples walking behind Jesus! Letting people in your family, your faith community, and in your circle of friends know that you've decided to follow Jesus is a critically important first step in this journey. Without the first step in any journey, the second step is impossible!

If you'd like to pray, you might use these words:

Lord, thank you for meeting ordinary people in ordinary places.
Give me the courage to follow when you call.
Open my eyes to the opportunities you place in front of me.
Teach me to trust you with whatever comes next.
Amen.

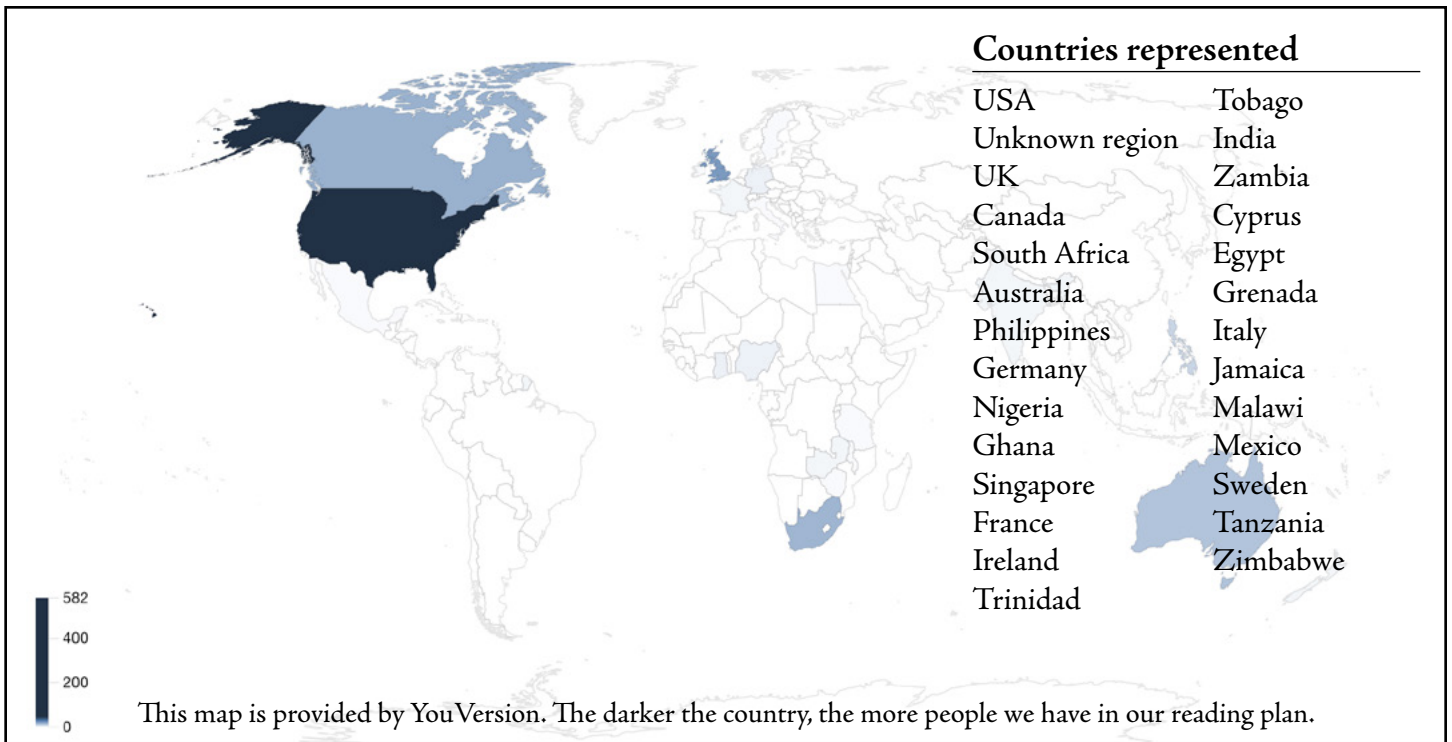
Coming tomorrow: Jesus makes an impact on Capernaum, his adopted hometown.

There are dozens of plans on the app connected to Mark's Gospel. This logo helps us stand out on the app.

A short video with footage from Israel is part of each day's devotional. No other reading plan on YouVersion has this feature.

The written content has application questions and guided prayer. Use [this link](#) or the QR code to see the plan!





One week in: 27 countries!

I'm speaking to a lot of students these days, so maybe it's not surprising that I've been thinking back to when I was finishing high school.

Our pastors and youth pastors challenged us over and over to fulfill the Great Commission. A lot of us took the challenge seriously, but left church wondering how it could ever be done.

The world is a big place. How were we supposed to take the Gospel to every corner of the world?

That was somewhere around 1976. As I remember, our television sets didn't even have remote controls in those days. Our phone was attached to the kitchen wall. It wasn't very smart, either. And when we wanted to send a message to a friend, we needed a sheet of paper, an envelope, and a 13-cent postage stamp!

Not even people writing science fiction could have predicted what life would be like 50 years down the road.

But here we are, taking advantage of the Internet, smart phones, and a Bible app that is allowing instant access to people across the globe. Fulfilling the Great Commission is within reach of our generation!



Andy Cook

As you know, our ministry has just launched a 50-day reading plan on the YouVersion Bible app. After one week, the first numbers are coming in.

Nearly 800 people are engaged in the reading plan, with 73 percent of them living in the United States. Frankly, I probably know most of these people. I hope you're one of them!

But what stuns me is that we're already engaging people around the world with our Gospel of Mark series. Can you imagine what our pastors from 50 years ago would think if they could see this?

All I know is that God is doing a great work for our ministry. We'll be watching the numbers in the months to come, and I'll share updates all along the way.

Once again, thank you for your encouragement, prayers, and financial support. I couldn't have done this without you. To God be the glory!