

## Welcome to the second week of The Anchored Life!

Week 1 is in the books and you're well on your way to reading through the New Testament, forming a life-changing habit, and spending quality time with your community. You're off to an amazing start this year!

### What's New in Week 2:

- **Week 2 Intro Video:** Want to get a sneak peek at what's coming up this week that puts everything in perspective in just over 3 minutes? We've got you covered!
- We'll be wrapping up Luke and Acts this week, so check out **the reading plan** below as we complete the first 25% of the New Testament
- **Tips for Taking Your Book Club Deeper!** Explore why reading with others matters. Plus encouragement, tips, and more.
- **Stories From Book Clubs:** The stories are already starting to come in. Plus you can share what God is doing in your book club this week.

Week 2 Intro Video:

## Immerse: Messiah Week 2 (Luke - Acts Part II)



Is Jesus offering salvation to the Gentiles?

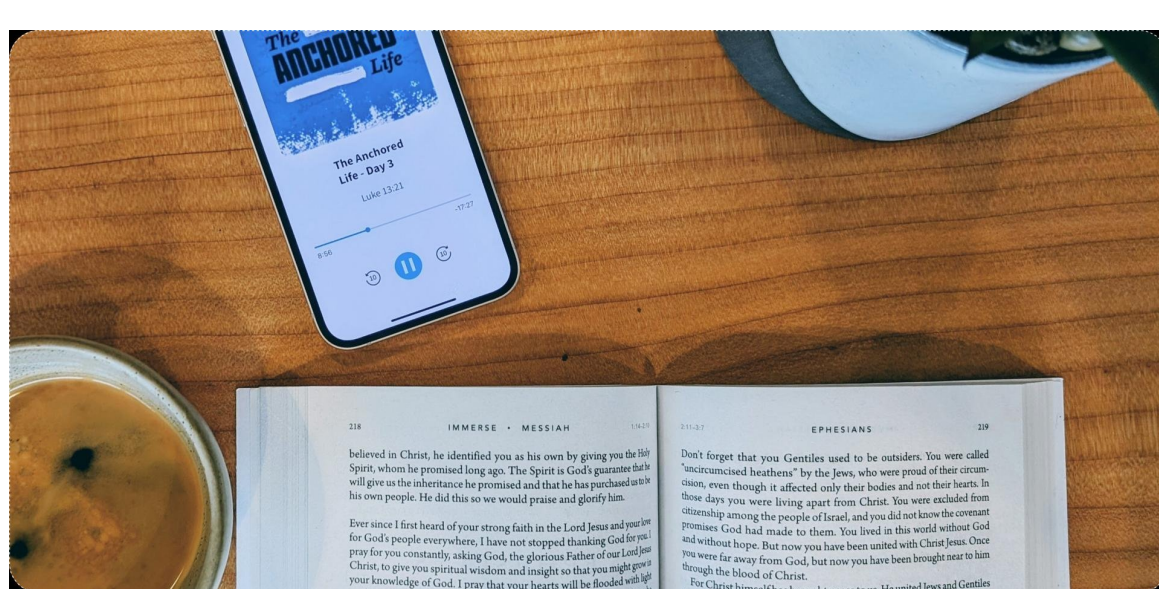
This was the big question for much of the early church's beginnings, and the big question in this week's reading. Read about the miracles and incredible revelations that God gave to answer that question in the lives of many of those early church members. Read how those signs and wonders paved the way for us to have the gospel today!

Check out the video for more great insights into this week's reading.

[Watch This Week's Video](#)

Click [HERE](#) to watch previous week's videos

## Week 2 Reading Plan



Here is what we'll be reading this week:

- Day 6 pp. 61-70
- Day 7 pp. 70-82
- Day 8 pp. 82-94
- Day 9 pp. 95-110
- Day 10 pp. 111-123

Even if you missed Week 1, don't worry! Jump into Week 2's reading and get up to speed with everyone. But for those of you who do want to go back (or read ahead), you can always find the full reading plan on page 500 of the Immerse Messiah Bible.

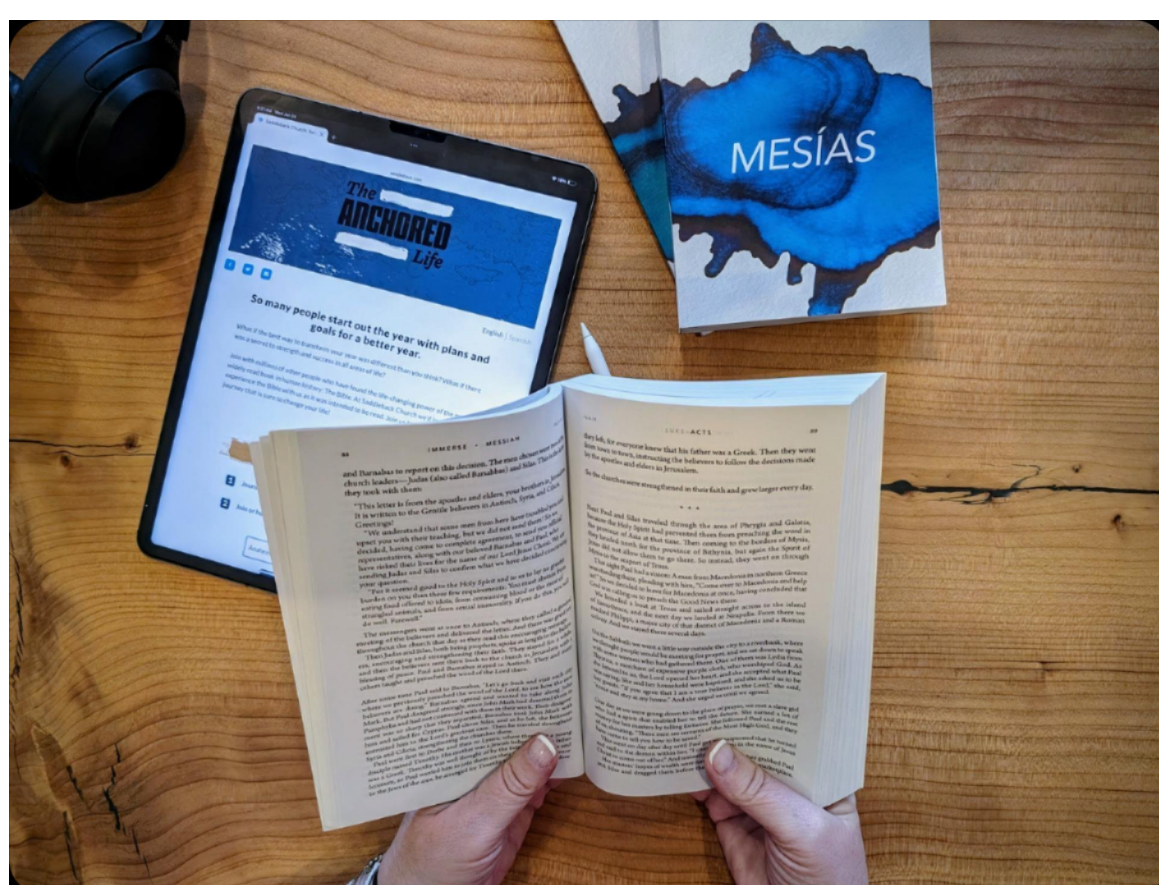
Don't have an Immerse Bible, or want to change up your reading experience? Check out the Saddleback app to find both the audio and digital versions! Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

And for families with kids in elementary or middle and high school, we've got you covered too!

- [Saddleback Kids: Hey-O Stories of the Bible podcast](#)
- [Saddleback Student Ministry: Immerse: Luke & Acts podcast](#)

Getting More

## Tips for Going Deeper in Immerse



### Tips and Ideas for Getting the Most Out of Your Book Club

Here are a few of the best tips we've seen so far:

1. Share your favorite passage with your book club. What stuck out to you this week and why? Read it out loud with your book club. Reading together can be a very different experience from reading on your own.
2. Don't be shy about writing things down while doing your reading or listening. Write down questions, underline phrases or words that stick out to you, or make notes to share with your book club.
3. When you are discussing together, don't forget to ask: "How does this apply to me?" But to make your book club really special (especially if you are a long-term small group), *also* ask the question, "How does this apply to *us*?"

### Do you have more questions?

If you want to learn more about The Anchored Life Challenge and *Immerse: Messiah*, then you've got three great options:

- You can read the [full FAQ document HERE](#)
- Or you can watch one of the [recent Zoom FAQ sessions with Pastor Jason Williams](#).
- Reply to this email with any book club questions you are stuck with!

Listening to the Holy Spirit

## Let's Hear It!



### Sharing the Stories You Hear in Your Book Club

God is speaking through someone in your book club this week. You just have to be listening for him! Julie D., one of the amazing small group hosts at Saddleback, shared how her small group is doing "double duty" and going through a study that they were already in the middle of, *and* accepting The Anchored Life Challenge. That's a lot of reading to go through, but Julie's commitment to being a part of something big is a great example of why community is so important at Saddleback. Plus adding the context of the entire New Testament is going to bring any study into a whole new light.

Let's hear your story! Just reply to this email or send an email to [smallgroups@saddleback.com](mailto:smallgroups@saddleback.com) to "tell on" someone and their story in your book club.

### It's Not Too Late to Invite Someone Else

The Anchored Life may have already started, but it isn't too late for someone to accept the challenge and join us! In fact, we think that after you've gotten a taste, you're going to want to share it with more people (the Bible is simply *that good*). To have them join, have them head over (or forward this email) to [saddleback.com/anchored](https://saddleback.com/anchored) and click accept the challenge! Don't sweat starting in the middle, just jump into that week's reading and we will be changed together!

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