CONFESSIONAL COURAGE

Reading Plans

PHASE ONE	The Bible	26 weeks
PHASE TWO	The Small Catechism	4 weeks
PHASE THREE	The Book of Concord	24 weeks

PHASE ONE

The Bible in Six Months

Check that your Bible version matches these book and chapter divisions, and adjust as needed.

WEEK	READING	CHAPTERS	DONE
1	Genesis 1–46	46	☐
2	Genesis 47 – Leviticus 1	45	☐
3	Leviticus 2 – Numbers 20	46	☐
4	Numbers 21 – Deuteronomy 30	46	☐
5	Deuteronomy 31 – Judges 18	46	☐
6	Judges 19 – 2 Samuel 7	45	☐
7	2 Samuel 8 – 2 Kings 7	46	☐
8	2 Kings 8 – 1 Chronicles 28	46	☐
9	1 Chronicles 29 – Ezra 9	46	☐
10	Ezra 10 – Job 21	45	☐
11	Job 22 – Psalms 25	46	☐
12	Psalms 26–71	46	☐
13	Psalms 72–116	45	☐
14	Psalms 117 – Proverbs 12	46	☐
15	Proverbs 13 – Isaiah 7	46	☐
16	Isaiah 8–53	46	☐
17	Isaiah 54 – Jeremiah 32	45	☐
18	Jeremiah 33 – Ezekiel 21	46	☐
19	Ezekiel 22 – Hosea 7	46	☐
20	Hosea 8 – Zechariah 4	46	☐
21	Zechariah 5 – Mark 3	45	☐
22	Mark 4 – John 9	46	☐
23	John 10 – Romans 6	46	☐
24	Romans 7 – Ephesians 1	46	☐
25	Ephesians 2 – Hebrews 10	45	☐
26	Hebrews 11 – Revelation 22	46	☐

PHASE TWO

The Small Catechism in Four Weeks

Editions of the Small Catechism vary slightly, so check yours against this plan and adjust as needed.

Week 1: The Ten Commandments

Mon	Luther's Preface; the First Commandment	☐
Tue	Second and Third Commandments	☐
Wed	Fourth and Fifth Commandments	☐
Thu	Sixth and Seventh Commandments	☐
Fri	Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Commandments	☐
Sat	The conclusion of the Commandments; review	☐

Week 2: The Apostles' Creed

Mon	The First Article	☐
Tue	The Second Article	☐
Wed	The Third Article	☐
Thu	The whole Creed, read aloud	☐
Fri	Re-read all three explanations	☐
Sat	Review and memorize	☐

Week 3: The Lord's Prayer and Holy Baptism

Mon	The Introduction; the First Petition	☐
Tue	Second and Third Petitions	☐
Wed	Fourth and Fifth Petitions	☐
Thu	Sixth and Seventh Petitions; the Conclusion	☐
Fri	Holy Baptism	☐
Sat	Review and memorize	☐

Week 4: Confession, the Lord's Supper, and Daily Life

Mon	Confession and the Office of the Keys	☐
Tue	The Sacrament of the Altar	☐
Wed	Re-read Baptism, Confession, and the Altar together	☐
Thu	Daily prayers and table prayers	☐
Fri	The Table of Duties	☐
Sat	Review of the whole Catechism	☐

PHASE THREE

The Book of Concord in Twenty-Four Weeks

Article numbers and page divisions differ between editions, so check yours against this plan and adjust as needed.

WEEK	READING	DONE
1	Preface to the Book of Concord; the Three Ecumenical Creeds (Apostles', Nicene, Athanasian)	☐
2	Augsburg Confession, Articles I–XXI (Chief Articles of Faith)	☐
3	Augsburg Confession, Articles XXII–XXVIII (Abuses Corrected) and the Conclusion	☐
4	Apology of the Augsburg Confession: Preface through Article III	☐
5	Apology, Article IV (Justification), first half	☐
6	Apology, Article IV (Justification), second half	☐
7	Apology, Articles V–XIII (the Church and the Sacraments)	☐
8	Apology, Articles XIV–XXI	☐
9	Apology, Articles XXII–XXVIII	☐
10	Smalcald Articles: Preface, Part I, and Part II	☐
11	Smalcald Articles: Part III	☐
12	Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope	☐
13	Large Catechism: Prefaces and the Ten Commandments (First through Third)	☐
14	Large Catechism: the Ten Commandments (Fourth through Tenth)	☐
15	Large Catechism: the Creed and the Lord's Prayer	☐
16	Large Catechism: Holy Baptism, the Sacrament of the Altar, and the Brief Exhortation to Confession	☐
17	Formula of Concord, Epitome: Articles I–XII	☐
18	Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration: Introduction and Articles I–II	☐
19	Solid Declaration: Articles III–IV	☐
20	Solid Declaration: Articles V–VI	☐
21	Solid Declaration: Article VII (the Lord's Supper)	☐
22	Solid Declaration: Article VIII (the Person of Christ)	☐
23	Solid Declaration: Articles IX–X	☐
24	Solid Declaration: Articles XI–XII	☐

REFLECT

Notes

Use this page for questions, passages worth returning to, and the weeks where the plan fell behind.