Friday, June 9: Read Mark 16, Psalms 19-20.

You almost need to read Psalm 19 around a campfire at night. Weather permitting, go outside tonight after dark. Look up into the night sky and see if you can hear the silent declarations of the stars. Note the other half of Psalm 19 camps on the revelation of God through Scripture. Both bear witness to his glory -- the world and the Word! Join them in praising him!

Notes:

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), David & Miriam Trott (Cochabamba, Bolivia), Mario Bloise (Argentina), Nate & MaryBeth Brace (Kentucky), Dan & DeAnn Gerard (San Antonio, TX), Robert Newkirk (Jesus Film), Craig & Shelly Shafer (Sentani, Indonesia), Mike & Fran VanBruggen (S. Africa), Sue Sanders (Detroit, MI), Matt Kooi (Tijuana), Daniel Jezonski (Wycliffe), Danielle Tucker (YWAM), Andrew & Sara Williams (New Tribes).

Specific Concerns:

Pray this weekend:

•Review the week (Thank God for answered prayer)

•Note any ongoing concerns to pray for next week.

•Praise God that He is working in your life. You are growing in your faith.

The Lordship of Christ

Spiritual Disciplines

Reading Assignments

- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.
- Read the chapters of the Bible according to the date.
- Underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advise or wisdom gleaned from your reading.
- Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.
- Think about what you're reading. Ask:
 - 1. How does this apply to me?
 - 2. Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?
 - 3. What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?
- Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.

Weekly Readings

Monday, June 5: Read Mark 9, Psalms 11-12.

Could the visible coming of the Kingdom be fulfilled in Jesus' transfiguration? Where else is Jesus described in dazzling white attire and glory? And why Moses and Elijah? Why not Abraham and David? Learning to ask questions of the text is one of the basic skills of Bible Study. Where to find the answers to these questions likely will take you all over the Scriptures. And that's a good study habit to cultivate. "Let scripture interpret scripture."

Notes:

Pray for:

- 1. My relationship with God.
- 2. My life roles
- 3. My personal needs/weak areas
- 4. Goals and objectives

Tuesday, June 6: Read <u>Mark 10-11; Psalms 13-14</u>

Take note of Jesus' references to the Kingdom of God in the book of Mark. We are part of his Kingdom today. The tension thickens as Jesus now approaches Jerusalem on his final pilgrimage leading up to Calvary.

Notes:

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday June 7: Read <u>Mark 12-13; Psalms 15-16</u>

Note Jesus quoting <u>Psalm 110</u> (Mark 12:36) in reference to himself. Go back and read that Psalm. In what ways does he fulfill it as the Jewish Messiah? Why wasn't he more direct in revealing his identify to the Jewish nation? Psalm 16 is an excellent Psalm for anyone lacking confidence in life. David reveals there his secret to living with vigor and vim. Read it carefully and try to capture its significance.

Notes:

Wednesday Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church (Consider fasting one, two, or all meals this day.)

- a. Pastors: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn as she transitions into her new position at BGCC.
- b. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
- c. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
- d. Discipleship: ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries here at BGCC.
- e. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ.
- f. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in 2017 and beyond.

Thursday, June 8: Read <u>Mark 14-15; Psalms 17-18.</u>

David writes Psalm 18 in praise of God's deliverance in his life experience. Could you write something similar for when God rescued you? Read with interest Mark's details of the passion of Christ. Go back and read <u>*Psalm 22*</u> as quoted by Jesus in Mark 15:34. He proclaims to the onlookers of his crucifixion the fulfillment of David's prophecy recorded there.

Notes:

Pray for "My World"

- Neighbors People who live around me.
- People at Work Others God brings into my life. Begin to take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help.
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County. Pray for the area churches and the upcoming "The Call" prayer gathering.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.