

Friday, June 22: Read [Luke 19-20](#)

Luke 19 brings us into Holy Week and the final events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion in Jerusalem.. After eating with Zacchaeus, he enters the city on a donkey, laments over the coming tribulation and then proceeds to purge the temple one last time.

Chapter 20 finds him facing off with the religious leaders of Jerusalem, countering their trick questions and finally denouncing their hypocrisy. In so doing, he sets the stage for his imminent arrest, suffering and death, just as he had previously predicted would occur in his final journey to Jerusalem ([Luke 18:31-33](#))

Notes:

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Robert and Kailey Newkirk** (South Sudan), **Mike and Fran VanBruggen**, (Word of Life), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Sue Saunders** (Bosnia), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (Ethnos360), **Brad and Christa Babjack** (University of West Virginia), **Salomon and Megan Guzman** (Tijuana), **Alvaro and Rachel Garriga** (Central Asia)

Thru the New!

Spiritual Disciplines

- *Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.*
- *Read the chapters and 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.*

Monday, June 25 Read [Luke 11-12](#)

When asked for a lesson in prayer by his disciples, Jesus teaches them the simple words we refer to as the "Lord's Prayer". Next he emphasizes boldness and persistence in prayer as necessary elements to receiving answers (see [Luke 18:1-8](#)).

The blasphemy of the Spirit has always been a troubling idea. Can a Christian commit an unpardonable sin? Or is rejecting the Holy Spirit's witness to Christ simply unpardonable? In verse 15, the Pharisees attribute Jesus' miracles to the work of Satan rather than the Holy Spirit. Jesus challenges them and then points to them as insincere, unbelieving and in opposition to God's plan for his people. Chapter 12 continues in the same light, calling out the hypocrisy of the Pharisees along with self-centered materialism, unfaithfulness and irresponsible service to God.

Notes:

Pray for: ---My relationship with God
---My life roles
---My personal needs/weak areas
---My goals and objectives.

Tuesday, June 26: Read [Luke 13-14](#)

Take note in the following chapters to Jesus' instruction on the topic of the Kingdom of God. He will use parables and real situations to illustrate what God's rule looks like. It's like a fig tree or mustard seed, it's like a gate, it's like a banquet and a building. The key question is what qualifies someone to enter the kingdom and what keeps people out? How can you, today, be certain of your participation with Jesus in the kingdom of God?

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday June 27: Read [Luke 15-16](#)

In chapters 15 and 16, Jesus continues his instruction on the kingdom using parables to illustrate his point. Chapter 15 keys in on the theme of lost and found. Notice just how something is found and recovered in each illustration. What do we learn about human nature and God's heart through these lessons? Chapter 16 opens with the curious story of a shrewd manager and "worldly wealth". What is Jesus getting at in this parable? And how does it relate to the rest of the chapter's material?

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 in her work 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 our 2020 plan. Pray for our upcoming 150th celebration. Ask God to use our church anniversary as a testimony to Branch County.

Thursday, June 28: Read [Luke 17-18](#)

Luke 17 contains a broad sampling of Jesus' teaching, ranging from forgiveness of sin, faith, sincere service and the coming of the kingdom. He cures ten lepers, only one of which returns to give him thanks, and then he ends the chapter with instruction on his second coming. Are our times similar to "the days of Noah"?

Jesus revisits the theme of prayer in chapter 18, emphasizing both persistence and sincerity when praying to God. The story of the rich young ruler speaks to us in our materialistic society. Riches are god-like to many. They easily compete for our allegiance. The kingdom must be the clear winner of our affections and our actions. As then, Jesus beckons us today to "come follow me".

Notes:

Thursday Pray for "My World"

- Neighbors • People who live around me.
- People at Work • Others God brings into my life. Take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help. Who can you invite to church this Sunday?
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County. Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.