Friday, July 26 Read <u>Isaiah 60</u> Exhortations:

Promises:

The Nature of God:

*One verse from this week that I can share with the church:

Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), David & Miriam Trott (Cochabamba, Bolivia), Mario Bloise (Argentina), Dan & DeAnn Gerard (San Antonio, TX), , Craig & Shelly Shafer (Sentani, Indonesia), Sue Saunders (Bosnia), Matt and Becky Kooi (Tijuana), Daniel Jezowski (Wycliffe), Andrew & Sara Williams (Ethnos360), Brad and Christa Babjack (University of West Virginia), Salomon and Megan Guzman (Tijuana), Alvaro and Rachel Garriga (Central Asia), William and Salma Garcia (Tijuana church plant)



Spiritual Disciplines Guide:

- 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.

Continue to watch for exhortations, promises and insights into the nature of God. There are several references this week to the coming Messiah, as well as explanations for why Judah would go into exile. Chapter 58 is a notable chapter on "the spirit of the law" versus "the letter of the law", especially as it relates to fasting. God desires mercy above sacrifice (*Hosea 6:6, Matthew 9:13*). Chapter 60 introduces a far future scenario known by theologians as "the Kingdom Age". You can cross reference this section with *chapter 21 of Revelation*.

Monday, July 22 Read Isaiah 56

Exhortations:

Promises:

The Nature of God:

Monday: Pray for: ---My relationship with God

- —My life roles
- -My personal needs/weak areas
- -My goals and objectives for the summer

<u>Tuesday</u>, July 23: Read <u>Isaiah 57</u> <u>Exhortations</u>:

Promises:

The Nature of God:

Tuesday: Pray for Family and Friends by Name.

Wednesday July 24: Read <u>Isaiah 58</u> Exhortations:

Promises:

The Nature of God:

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

- 1. <u>Leadership</u>: 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. Pray for the church council and the various ministry team leaders. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers for the harvest (*Matthew 9:38*)
- 2. <u>Worship</u>: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for more musicians to help lead the church in worship. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
- 3. <u>Fellowship</u>: Pray that God would deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship.

- 4. <u>Discipleship</u>: Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Ask God to bless our small group ministry, to raise up new groups, new teachers and more leaders.
- 5. <u>Outreach</u>: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others, especially through the Kingdom Initiative.
- 6. <u>Future Faith Goals</u>: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in our 2020 plan as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service. Ask God to bless our finances so that we can better accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

Thursday, July 25: Read <u>Isaiah 59</u>

Exhortations:

Promises:

The Nature of God:

Thursday: Pray for "My World"

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- <u>Neighbors</u> People who live around me. (Focus Four)
- <u>People at Work</u> 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?
- <u>Community</u> -- 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.
- <u>America</u> -- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.