# Friday, August 16 Read Isaiah 55, 58, 60

Isaiah 55 is a call for salvation, 58 is an exhortation to be merciful instead of just religious and Isaiah 60 previews the glory of a coming kingdom. Arise and shine for your light has come! (*Isaiah 60:1*)

### 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.

For our last week of studying Isaiah, we will highlight "standout" chapters from the book (not repeating any of last week's Messianic prophecies). If you mark in your Bible, you may want to list my choices or list your own favorite chapters at the beginning of Isaiah. You could also list the Messianic chapters as well as any individual favorite verses. As you finish the book, ask yourself what difference Isaiah's prophecies make in your own life. God still speaks to those who take time to listen to his word.

### Monday, August 12 Read Isaiah 1,3,5

All three chapters are exhortations against sin. Read thoughtfully and consider what personal sins you may have committed that need to be confessed and renounced.

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>, August 13: Read <u>Isaiah 6, 12</u>

Revisit the holiness of God in Isaiah's calling in chapter 6, along with the joy that comes from the Lord's salvation in chapter 12.

# Thursday, August 15: Read Isaiah 40 - 44

These chapters major on the character of God and his merciful works on behalf of those who call on him. Review God's declarations about who he is in all four chapters. What verse stands out to you in each chapter?

### Tuesday: Pray for Family and Friends by Name.

### Wednesday August 14: Read Isaiah 25, 35

Both chapters envision restoration and renewal when God works on behalf of his repentant people. Note the poetic description of the ultimate reign of God being like a feast in chapter 25 and the analogy of a thirsty desert in bloom in chapter 35.

### Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

- Leadership: 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: Pray for "My World"

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

- Neighbors 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.