

Friday, November 1: Read [Ephesians 2:1-22](#)

Finish the week by rereading all of Ephesians chapter 2. Look back over the several paragraphs of this chapter and the emphasis of each one. Is there a stand-out verse or two you might want to memorize from this chapter? Do you know someone who is struggling in their own faith that you could share some verses from Ephesians?

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** (Ethiopia), **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)

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Be the CHURCH is DISCIPLESHIP

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 advice 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, October 28 Read [Ephesians 2:1-3](#)

This week we pick up on our study of Ephesians in chapter two. In chapter one, Paul prays for the reader to gain deeper insight into the person and work of Jesus Christ. Note, in the opening paragraph of this chapter, our inability to relate to God due to our being spiritually dead (see [Romans 5:12-14; 7:9-13](#)) Notice as well that Satan is still active in the world. He rules over darkness, rebellion and evil, though his days are numbered. ([Ephesians 6:11-12, 1 Peter 5:8-9, Revelation 12:13-17](#)) Lastly, beware of the presence of the "sinful nature" which can exert itself even within the life of the believer ([Ephesians 4:17-24; Galatians 5:16-26](#)).

*Invite the Holy Spirit to direct your thoughts and actions today. Renounce sin, temptation and the work of the devil. Step out in faith and walk in obedience to God.

Monday: Pray for yourself:

---My relationship with God

—My life roles

—My personal needs/weak areas

—My goals and objectives for the fall season

Tuesday, October 29: Read [Ephesians 2:4-9](#)

This section of Ephesians is a familiar passage on God's work of salvation. Notice again the reference to our sinful (dead) state and our inability to help ourselves. The emphasis here is clearly on God's mercy. He seats us up with him the heavenly realms ([1:3, 20; 3:10](#)) as a kind of future display of his great grace.

Salvation is wholly by God's action toward us. It is a gift that can only be received or rejected, it cannot be earned or deserved ([Romans 3:21-28; 5:6-10, 15-17](#)). Take time to acknowledge your total state of depravity without Christ. Thank God for his mercy and grace shown fully to you personally through the savior Jesus Christ. Nothing to boast about but him!

Tuesday: Pray for Family and Friends by Name.

Wednesday October 30: Read [Ephesians 2:10](#)

[Ephesians 2:8](#) tells us we are not saved by works. Verse 10 tells us to do works. Not for salvation but for sanctification. Read the following verses and examine yourself. Are you living an obedient and fruitful Christian life? What "works" has God prepared in advance for you to do? Ask him to energize you through the Holy Spirit to be fruitful and productive for him. ([Galatians 6:1-10, Ephesians 5:15-21, Colossians 3:12-17, Titus 3:1-8](#))

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

1. **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. **Worship**: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for more musicians to help lead the church in worship, including a pianist. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
3. **Fellowship**: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship. Pray through this past Sunday's congregational prayer requests.
4. **Discipleship**: 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. **Outreach**: 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 Assignments and the upcoming Kingdom Projects.
6. **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 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, October 31: Read [Ephesians 2:11-22](#)

In the second half of the chapter, Paul reminds the Gentile Christians all that Christ accomplished to "bring them into the fold". Primary now is that there is no difference between Jews or Gentiles as it relates to God. Jesus makes "one race" out of all of us. There should be no hostility (competition) but rather peace. Note [Galatians 3:26-29, Colossians 3:9-14](#).

Paul finishes the chapter by viewing the church like a building -- Christ the foundation stone, each one a building block. Our purpose together is to be a kind of temple (dwelling) of God. See also [1 Peter 2:1-10](#).

Thursday: Pray for "My World"

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

- **Neighbors** • People who live around me. (Focus Four)
- **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?
- **Community** -- 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.
- **America** -- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.