

Friday, May 13: Read [1 Corinthians 3-5](#), Sermon Text: [Mark 13](#)

\*Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

*Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries*

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Spiritual Disciplines Guide

## *Chart the Course*

New Testament

Week of May 8, 2022

We continue our reading through the New Testament letters of Paul by finishing the book of Romans and then initiating 1 Corinthians. Romans chapters 9-11 deal with the nation of Israel and its rejection of Jesus Christ as the Messiah. Here Paul explains a mystery that the Gentile world has been given an opportunity for salvation due to Israel's hardening, and that eventually Israel will soften to the gospel and come to God through Christ in the end. Chapters 12-16 contain much instruction of practical Christian living and service. He concludes his book with an extended series of greetings to various saints in Rome, as well as salutations from Paul's colleagues in Corinth.

The book of first Corinthians was written by Paul after his extended ministry there as recorded in [Acts 18:1-18](#). Apparently he has received a letter from Corinth, stating multiple concerns about issues which had arisen in that congregation since Paul had left there. The letter is written to address and correct these problems within the church at Corinth. Primary among them are divisions that have developed among the believers and various forms of sensuality and worldliness, all unfit for true believers in Jesus Christ. Paul's model of correction of misconduct within the church stands as an example for us as we seek to maintain unity, doctrinal purity and moral integrity in our church congregations today.

Monday, May 9: Read [Romans 11-12](#)

Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

*Monday: Pray for yourself:*

My relationship with God

My life roles and responsibilities

My personal needs/weak areas

My goals and objectives for this spring season.

**Tuesday**, May 10: Read [Romans 13-14](#)

\*Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

***Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.***

**Wednesday**, May 11: Read [Romans 15-16](#)

\*Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

***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. Take some time to 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 through the Kingdom Assignment "*Dare to Care*".
6. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in our future plans 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**, May 12: Read [1 Corinthians 1-2](#)

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***Thursday: Pray for "My World"***

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

- 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?
- Community -- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County, even through time of crisis.
- Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation, especially as churches reunite after the pandemic.
- Pray for the community parachurch ministries serving our county, including Beginnings Care for Life Center, Branch County Right to Life, Joppa Recovery/ Celebrate Recovery, Coach Eby Center, Family Promise, Forgotten Man Ministries, Freedom Recovery Center, God's Choice Church, Jacob's Well Ministry, Presbyterian Free Health Clinic, Shelterhouse, Tommy's House, the Gideons and the Bronson Food Pantry.
- America: Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America. Pray that God would use the pandemic, the economy and world events to lead people to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for God's guidance and protection for our nation in the coming weeks and months.