

**Friday**, August 26: Read [\*Revelation 10\*](#)

\*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 August 21, 2022

This past week we broke the ice on the salty book of Revelation. In it, God has given us a greater revelation of the person of Jesus Christ through one of his closest disciples -- the now elderly Apostle John. In [\*chapter one, verse 19\*](#), John is told to write down what he has seen, what is now and what will take place later. This serves as a good outline for the Book of Revelation. Chapters 1-5 cover what has been (the past) and what is now (the present at John's time). Chapters 6-22 deal with future things, things that will take place later.

In the opening chapters, John, in a vision on the island of Patmos, encounters the glorified Savior (chapter 1). He's given a message for 7 churches in Asia Minor (chapters 2-3) and then he's privied to the glorification of Jesus Christ in heaven (chapters 4-5).

Beginning this week in Chapter 6, we now see Jesus administering future and final judgements on the world, starting with the opening of 7 seals (judgements) and then 7 trumpet calls. There is some discussion as to whether these are chronological events or the same judgements restated in other terms. The number 7 will appear frequently in John's Revelation as do many other symbols and figures of speech. Most Bible commentators believe that these seven judgements occur during the final tribulation period coming upon the earth in the last days. Chapter 7 seem to give a break in the action while God seals (secures) his people, both the Jews (144,000), and the Gentiles (a great multitude from every nation). Ask God for insight, note what you are learning and write down any questions you have as you read each day.

**Monday**, August 22: Read [\*Revelation 6\*](#)

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 summer season.

**Tuesday**, August 23: Read [Revelation 7](#)

\*Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

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

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

**Wednesday**, August 24: Read [Revelation 8](#)

\*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**, August 25 Read [Revelation 9](#)

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\*A key passage for me:

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

***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.
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