

**Friday**, August 12: Read [Jude](#)

\*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 7, 2022

We are nearing the end of our read through of the New Testament. The final epistles before the book of Revelation are John's and Jude's letters to the church. 1,2 and 3 John give loving and clear instruction to the believers of John's day. John addresses Christians as his "dear children". The theme of love, as in his gospel, permeates his writings. His emphasis is on our true fellowship (friendship, closeness) with the Father. He speaks to the then prevalent influences of the world and non-Christian philosophies he calls falsehoods and darkness. He warns against the evil one, the anti-christ and the negative influences of the world system. Three words stand out in John's writings whether in his gospel or in these three epistles -- Love, Light and Life! Mark them carefully as you read, they summarize the essence of Christ as experienced by one of his closest disciples.

Jude's letter is given as a warning against apostasy (going astray, false doctrines) in the first century church. His exhortation to them and us is to contend earnestly for the faith (verse 3). Jude gives three examples of apostasy and its effects from the Old Testament as well as a description of how false teachers live. Verses 24-25 are an outstanding declaration of comfort in the keeping power of God. In spite of varieties of doctrinal diversions around us at any given time, God is able to keep us safe until we reach glory.

**Monday**, August 8: Read [1 John 1-2](#)

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.

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

**Wednesday**, August 10: Read [1 John 5](#)

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\*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 11: Read [2-3 John](#)

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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.