

Friday, September 8: Read [Psalms 148-150](#), [Luke 24](#)

These last three Psalms are jubilant declarations of God's greatness and his worthiness for our praise. Read them reflectively and join with all creation in glorifying our creator God. Praise the Lord!

Luke 24 likewise ends on the triumphant note of the resurrection. Jesus is alive! That changes everything! Life conquers death. The future belong to God, and to those who yield to the lordship of his son, Jesus Christ. Like those first disciples, may he likewise empower us to be his witnesses in our generation.

Notes:



Spiritual Disciplines

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Nate & MaryBeth Brace** (Kentucky), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Robert Newkirk** (Jesus Film), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Mike & Fran VanBruggen** (S. Africa), **Sue Sanders** (Detroit, MI), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Danielle Tucker** (France), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (New Tribes).

Specific Concerns:

- 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.

Weekly Readings

Monday, Sept. 4: Read [Psalms 135-137](#), [Luke 17-18](#)

This week we finish our summer reading schedule from the Psalms and the gospels. Take time to read pensively each days' readings. Note the models given in the Psalms for prayer, praise and Thanksgiving.

Follow Luke's record of Jesus' words and acts. Ask God to increase your knowledge of Jesus, your awareness of his presence and your love and devotion to him.

Pray for:

- Review the week (Thank God for answered prayer)
- Note any ongoing concerns to pray for next week.
- Praise God that He is working in your life. You are growing in your faith.

1. My relationship with God.
2. My life roles
3. My personal needs/weak areas
4. Goals and objectives

Tuesday, Sept. 5: Read [Psalms 138-140, Luke 19](#)

Today's Psalms reflect the confidence in God that we all long for. In 138, David affirms God's praise for answered prayer. In 139, the writer marvels at God's omnipresence. And in 140, the psalmist calls upon God for protection and deliverance. All three psalms are mementos to God's character and providence. One of the primary themes of Luke is also God's providence.

Luke 19 records Jesus' progressive arrival in Jerusalem on his final journey to the cross. Upon his entry into the city, he woefully predicts Israel's eventual downfall due to its rejection of him as Messiah King.

Notes:

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday Sept. 6: Read [Psalms 141-144, Luke 20-21](#).

Psalms 141-145 record a string of David's psalms -- all written when under duress and needing God's help and deliverance. Notice how each Psalm ends on a declaration of eventual triumph and praise to God. Trials test our faith. Are you ready and willing to trust God in the face of difficulty and even adversity? David is a model for us on how to do just that.

It's the start of Holy Week. In Luke 20-21, Jesus appears in the temple, explaining his final mission in Israel and answering his accusers. His admonitions then hold true for us today (Luke 21:34-36).

Notes:

**Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church
(Consider fasting one, two, or all meals this day.)**

- a. Pastors: 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 transition to the Erwins' sabbatical this fall.
- b. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
- c. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
- d. Discipleship: ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries here at BGCC.
- e. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ.
- f. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in 2017 and beyond.

Thursday, Sept. 7: Read [Psalms 145-147, Luke 22-23](#).

The final six Psalms of scripture are almost exclusively praise psalms. Each extols the great virtues of God and offers him his due honor, glory, praise and thanksgiving. We would do well to turn to this section of scripture frequently to reorient ourselves and our attitudes to the glorious nature of God. Psalm 147:1 ought to be true for each of us and our own testimony as well.

Luke 22-23 record the account for that final and fateful day. Satan is at work behind the scenes but so is God. Peter records this in his sermon at Pentecost ([Acts 2:22-24](#)) and Paul refers to God's plan at work through the Jewish leaders in [1 Corinthians 2:7-8](#). God is sovereign over the affairs of men and nations. He is sovereign over your life as well!

Notes:

Pray for "My World"

- Neighbors • People who live around me.
- People at Work • Others God brings into my life. Begin to take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help.
- 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.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.