

Week of
June 28
2020



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.*

This summer our church will study the book of Acts. We want to look at The Early Church in Action and relate what we find to our present congregation in our generation. Our daily readings will require some personal thought and interaction with the text. Each day we will read one chapter of Acts, summarize the chapter in one or two sentences, give the chapter a title, identify one key verse and write out a personal application point. This assignment won't necessarily be easy, but it could be personally rewarding -- having to come to your own conclusions about what the Bible says and means, chapter by chapter. Work on it. Ask God to enlighten your mind as you read. Let the Spirit highlight personal insights as they relate to your own life circumstances. Be diligent. Be ready to listen for God's voice to you. And be ready to share what you are learning with others.

Monday, June 29: Read [Acts 1](#)

(Sample)

The Chapter Summary: In Acts one, Luke revisits Jesus' final instructions to his disciples, his ascension to the Father. The disciples' gathering for prayer in Jerusalem and the selection of Matthias.

A Chapter Title: "Launching Out Alone"

A Key Verse: (Acts 1:8) You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses....

One personal insight or application: I must ask the Holy Spirit to empower me daily to be his witness in "my" Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria.

Monday: Pray for yourself:

My relationship with God, my life roles and responsibilities, my personal needs/weak areas, my goals and objectives for 2020

Tuesday, June 30: Read [Acts 2](#)

The Chapter Summary:

A Chapter Title:

A Key Verse:

One personal insight or application:

Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday July 1: Read [Acts 3](#)

The Chapter Summary:

A Chapter Title:

A Key Verse:

One personal insight or application:

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.

1. 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, July 2: Read [Acts 4](#)

The Chapter Summary:

A Chapter Title:

A Key Verse:

One personal insight or application:

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 the Coronavirus crisis.
- Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation, especially as churches reunite after the quarantine.
- Pray for the community parachurch ministries serving our county, including Beginnings Care for Life Center, Branch County Right to Life, Celebrate Recovery, Coach Eby Youth and Family Center, Damascus Road Ministry,

Friday, July 3: Read [Acts 5](#)

The Chapter Summary:

A Chapter Title:

A Key Verse:

One personal insight or application:

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*** (Ethnos360), ***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), ***Brendan and Ashley Camp*** (Columbia)