

Week of
April 19
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.*

Monday, April 20: Read [*Psalms 141-142*](#)

We'll finish the Psalms this week by perusing the 140's. These first two psalms are typical lament psalms where David calls out to God for help and finds his deliverance from trouble. Notice how David is both realistic about his dire circumstances but also confident in God's mercy and power. God is his refuge, his portion in the land of the living.

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, April 21: Read [*Psalms 143-144*](#)

In Psalm 143 David lays out his case before God. His enemy is in close pursuit. Without God's divine help, he's a goner! Notice his actions -- he remembers, he meditates and he prays, asking God for a swift reply. Psalm 144 is almost an answer to the prayers of 143. It's a praise song declaring God's intervention on his behalf. He will sing a new song, a song of victory to God. Blessings and posterity follow those who truly belong to the Lord.

Tuesday: Pray for Family and Friends by Name.

Wednesday April 22: Read [*Psalm 145*](#)

Psalm 145 is a powerful declaration of the character of God. Follow David's lead there and revisit the attributes of God. He is great, mighty, majestic, powerful, good, righteous, gracious, compassionate and loving. He is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. Do you know him like David did? You will trust him to the degree you know him. The greater your knowledge of God and his ways, the more you can trust him to supervise your daily life. Reread this Psalm and let its powerful truths sink deep into your soul.....his greatness no one can fathom!

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, especially through the upcoming Kingdom Projects.

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, April 23: Read *Psalms 146*

Join the psalmist in giving God his due praise and recognition. Note all the things he does in verses 7-10. For good reason, we can join the author in praising him. The word praise can also be translated "to narrate". If you were to write a psalm of praise to God for your life, as narrator, what would you credit him with? What has he done for you personally? Where have you seen him work on your behalf? And, what more are you hoping he will do?

"I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live."

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.
- 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, Family Hope Outreach, Forgotten Man Ministries, Foster Closet of Branch County, 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 Coronavirus outbreak to lead people to faith in Jesus Christ.

Friday, April 24: Read [*Psalms 147 and 148*](#)

The last four psalms are classic praise songs. Note how the author acknowledges all the things God has done on his behalf. Likewise, note how he acknowledges who God is, along with what God does. The right response is praise. When we do, we join with the created order in praising him. *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord* ([*Psalms 150:6*](#))

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)

