

Week of
August 2
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, August 3: Read [Acts 1:1-14](#)

We will finish our first reading of the book of Acts this week. Before we do, let's go back today and remind ourselves what Luke's purpose was in giving us this written account. In his opening chapter, he revisits his first book ([Luke 1:1-4](#)), written for Theophilus; reviews the final days that Jesus physically spent with his disciples ([Luke 24:1-49](#)); presents Jesus' ascension ([Luke 24:50-51](#)) and the disciples' return to Jerusalem ([Luke 24:52-53](#)). From verse 15 in chapter one to the end of Acts, Luke records the history of those early disciples beginning in Jerusalem and branching out from there. Survey the book of Acts and make a list by chapter of the prominent characters that Luke highlights. Use the example below:

*The Twelve Disciples - chapters 1-2	*
*Peter and John - chapters 3-4	*
*Ananias and Sapphira -- chapter 5	*
*Stephen -- chapters 6-7	*
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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, August 4: Read [Acts 26](#)

The Chapter Summary:

A Chapter Title:

A Key Verse:

One personal insight or application:

Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday August 5: Read [Acts 27](#)

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.

1. 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.
2. 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, August 6: Read [Acts 28](#)

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, Family Promise, 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, August 7: Memorize Acts 1:8

We started the week by surveying Acts and outlining the prominent people that Luke highlights in his book. Let's finish the week by highlighting the work of the Holy Spirit as he appears throughout the book. We will use Acts 1:8 as a launching pad. Memorize this promise of God if you haven't already. Affirm its truth in your own life and invite the Holy Spirit to empower and direct your steps each morning so that you can be a witness to the salvation of Jesus Christ to others who need him.

Now skim the book of Acts, chapter by chapter, underlining every reference made to the Holy Spirit. For example, Acts 1:2,5,8,16 are verses that all mention the Spirit in chapter one. In the space below, list all the things the Spirit does in the Book of Acts. For starters, **The Spirit**:

- 1:2 Give instructions
- 1:5 Baptizes
- 1:8 Empowers for service
- 1:16 Speaks the scripture

Your turn.....

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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)