

Spiritual Disciplines Guide

Week of November 6, 2022

There is an excellent example of Psalm types in our readings this week. Remember, not all Psalms are praise psalms. Some are historic psalms, psalms of complaint, cries for help and some are psalms of thanksgiving. Pay close attention to the theme of each psalm as you read this week. Don't be afraid to write above the heading what Psalm type it is. Some samples from this week will include Psalm 18 -- a praise psalm; Psalm 21 -- a royal psalm; Psalm 22 -- a prophetic psalm; Psalm 26 -- a complaint psalm; Psalm 30 -- a psalm of thanksgiving. As you begin to perceive the types of psalms there are and their themes, you will be better able to relate specific Psalms to your life and meditate on them according to your circumstances. Then the book of Psalms will truly become a devotional book for you, one you can turn to for comfort, support or hope according to your own life situations. As David says in *Psalm 19:7-8*, God's word revives the soul, makes people wise and gives joy to the heart! May that be your experience as you study and apply the Psalms.

Monday, November 7: Read *Psalms 16-18* 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 fall season.

Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name
*One point of application from today's reading:
*A key passage for me:
*Chapter highlights:
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Wednesday, November 9: Read Psalms 22-24

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*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

- <u>Leadership:</u> 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 (<u>Matthew 9:38</u>)
- 2. <u>Worship:</u> 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. <u>Fellowship:</u> 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. <u>Discipleship:</u> 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

- 1. 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".
- 2. <u>Future Faith Goals:</u> 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, November 10: Read <u>Psalms 25-27</u>

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Thursday: Pray for "My World"

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- Neighbors People who live around me.
- <u>People at Work</u> 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?
- <u>Community</u> -- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County, even through time of crisis.
- <u>Pray for the area churches</u> 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.
- <u>America</u>: 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.

Friday, November 11: Read <u>Psalms 28-30</u>
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*A key passage for me:
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*One point of application from today's reading:
Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries
David & Miriam Trott (Tucuman, Argentina), Dan and DeAnn Gerard
(San Antonio, TX), Craig and Shelly Schafer (Asia-Pacific Region), Joe

and Sue Saunders-Robb (Reliant), Daniel Jezowski (Papau, New Guinea),

Community College), Alvaro and Raquel Garriga (Central Asia), Pastor

Brad and Christa Babjack (Michigan State University and Lansing

Roberto (Las Palmas Church, Tijuana)