

Week of November 08 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.*

Our spiritual disciplines the next few weeks will take us through the book of Proverbs. Solomon's proverbs highlight godly wisdom and many ways it is expressed in daily living, habits, decisions and relationships. In his book, he contrasts such things as wisdom and foolishness, duty and laziness, good and evil, honesty and deceit, humility and pride. Each day you will survey a chapter, highlight the themes Solomon presents, and then record a key verse that stands out in the text for you personally. Be ready to share what you are learning each week in church or in your small group.

Monday, November 9: Read [*Proverbs 26*](#)

We will spend this week on more Proverbs selected by Hezekiah's Men's. This chapter majors on fools and foolishness, along with several other topics, including sluggards, gossips and lying. As always, read the chapter seeking God's wisdom first for yourself, but then also for someone you know who could use godly advice.

*A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver ([*Proverbs 25:11*](#))*

My key verse:

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, November 10: Read [*Proverbs 27*](#)

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another (verse 17). Who has God used to “sharpen” you in your life? And, who might God send you to just now to “sharpen” them? Proverbs is full of good advice and counsel that can be used to file off dull edges in peoples’ lives. While God can and does work through his word and his Spirit in private, he frequently speaks to people through others. Mastering the book of Proverbs gives you ample material to share with others when they need sharpening ([*1:4*](#)). Next week, we’ll take some time to review the whole book and synthesize what we’ve read the past couple weeks.

My key verse:

Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday, November 11: Read [*Proverbs 28*](#)

Sandwiched deep in the book of Proverbs is a basic principle of spiritual wholeness -- confession of sins and forgiveness (28:13). God has made a way for us to come clean and escape the fateful consequences of sinning, thanks to his mercy and forgiveness. Note Solomon’s own prayer on forgiveness at the dedication of the temple ([*1 Kings 8:33-40*](#)). God’s principle for us to live our lives transparently before him. When we sin, he expects us to acknowledge what we’ve done wrong and renounce it. And he promises to forgive and restore us ([*1 John 1:9*](#)). God’s mercy is waiting to meet us in our lowest times of need!

My key verse:

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. Take some time to pray through this past Sunday’s congregational prayer requests.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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, November 12: Read Proverbs 29

Chapter 29 finishes up the Men of Hezekiah section of Proverbs. Again, the chapter is a conglomeration of advice useful at home, for raising kids, in business and in running a kingdom. Seldom is there a reading of Proverbs where the godly advice doesn't fit my present situation. It's up to you and me to zero in on an applicable life principle and integrate it into our lives.

My key verse:

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. Pray for God's guidance and protection in the upcoming elections.

Friday, November 6: Read [*Proverbs 30*](#)

Proverbs 30 offers us oracles of a man named Agur, son of Jakeh. No more details are given of who he was, likely a contemporary of Solomon. No doubt, he is a godly man whose wisdom has been recorded as scripture. He employs an interesting literary form -- three things....four. Enjoy this chapter and watch to see what God says to you through the words of Agur!

My key verse:

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), ***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)