

Week of November 15 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 past few weeks have taken 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 16: Read [Proverbs 31](#)

Finish the book of Proverbs reading the final chapters -- words of King Lemuel. Verses 1-9 are a call to temperance. Verses 8-9 admonish us to stand up in defense of the vulnerable and needy (see also [Proverbs 14:10-12](#))

Verses 10-31 portray a virtuous wife. This is a favorite study of feminine qualities, many quite beyond what we would normally associate with a wife's traditional roles at home. The controlling verse of the passage is verse 30. Charm is deceptive, beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

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 17: Scan [*Proverbs 1-8*](#)

We will take the next four days to scan and synthesize the book of Proverbs. Survey the first 8 chapters today. Note underlined verses and underlying themes such as wisdom vs. folly; righteousness vs. evil; industry vs. sloth; honesty vs. deceit; humility vs. pride. Make a list of the verses you wish to memorize from chapters 1-8.

Possible memory verses:

Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday, November 18: Scan [*Proverbs 9-16*](#)

Survey chapters 9-16, note underlined verses and the underlying themes in this section. Again, list the verses in this section that you would like to memorize.

Possible memory verses:

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.
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, November 19: Scan [Proverbs 17-24](#)

Survey this section of Proverbs, note underlined verses and underlying themes in chapters 17-24. List verses in this section that you will seek to memorize.

Possible memory verses:

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 and beyond.

Friday, November 20: Scan [Proverbs 25-31](#)

Finally, review these 7 chapters. Notice verses that you have already underlined, along with the underlying themes of this section. List verses below that you want to memorize from chapters 25-31.

Possible memory verses:

The final application from our readings in Proverbs is to transfer the memory verses that you have identified (Tuesday through Friday this week) on to a separate sheet of paper. Print up the verses and put them where you can see them and review them daily. Practice your verses, use them, share them, pray them. God will bless you according to his promises in [Proverbs 1:1-6!](#)

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), ***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)