

Week of  
March 29  
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, March 30: Read [Psalms 73, 80](#)

Let's continue in the book of Psalms this week as we study King David's ways of applying his faith in God to his adverse and often dangerous circumstances. There's a helpful pattern here for you if you can perceive it and apply it to your own difficult situations. Be slow and deliberate as you read each day. Let God's word "soak in your soul", washing your mind and cleansing your heart. He will renew your spirit if you heartily look to him. (Psalm 80:3).

### 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, March 31: Read [\*Psalms 77 and 78\*](#)

Both of today's Psalms emphasize remembering God's past works of power, goodness and glory. Looking back helps us to look forward to the future with faith. What has God done for you in the past? In what ways have you seen him work in your life, in your family or in our modern times? While the future at present seems scary and uncertain, God is still God. He has a plan and a purpose for everything. You can trust him with the unknown immediate future. He is faithful and true in all his ways.

**Tuesday: Pray for Family and Friends by Name.**

## Wednesday April 1: Read [\*Psalms 84 and 85\*](#)

There is a special blessing for all who trust in God for those who draw near to him and sincerely seek his favor. No good thing will he withhold from those whose walk is blameless (Psalm 84:11). Psalm 85 is a revival psalm. When people turn from sin to God, he not only renews fellowship with them in their life, he seeks to renew their relationships, he blesses their work and he renews the land. We become an extension of God's blessing wherever we go, with whoever we meet and, in whatever we do. Revive us again! (Psalm 85:6)

### **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.

6. 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 2: Read [\*Psalms 91, 95 and 96\*](#)

Psalms 91 is a classic prayer for protection. Notice the two mentions of pestilence along with other kinds of danger. Be sure that God is truly your refuge and fortress. He will rescue you when you wholly trust in him.

Psalms 95 and 96 are both praise psalms, calling us to refocus our thoughts, desires and affections on God. We are reminded in both Psalms just who God is and why we can trust him. He is worthy of our praise. For this we join heaven and earth in giving God his due recognition and honor. In so doing, deliverance soon follows.

### **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 this Sunday?
- Community -- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County.
- 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 3: Read [\*Psalms 100 and 103\*](#)

Note the active verbs in this psalm -- *shout, know, enter, thank, praise, worship*. This is the “how to” of worship. The “why” is seen in verses 3 and 5. He is our good shepherd and our loving creator.

Psalms 103 invites us to intimacy with God. Verses 2-5 remind us that God forgives, heals, redeems, crowns and satisfies us. He is fully aware of everything about us, and yet fully loves us. He is righteous and just; he is forgiving and compassionate; and he is an everlasting ruler. Praise the Lord O my soul!

**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)

When I said, “My foot is  
slipping,” your  
unfailing love, LORD,  
supported me. When  
anxiety was great  
within me, your  
consolation brought  
me joy.

Psalms 94:18-19

