

Friday, May 17: Read [Ephesians 5-6](#)

Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

**Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries**

**David & Miriam Trott** (Spain), **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), **Brad and Christa Babjack** (Michigan State University), **Alvaro and Raquel Garriga** (Central Asia), **Spectrum Ministries** (Tijuana, Mexico), **Gloria Stutzman** (Ensenada, Mexico)



## Spiritual Disciplines Guide

Week of May 12, 2024

The book of Ephesians is a favorite epistle for many. It is one of the four Prison Epistles written by Paul when he was under house arrest in Rome. Although it has been given the title “Ephesians”, it is likely the letter to the Laodiceans that Paul mentions in [Colossians 4:16](#). Like many of Paul’s writings, the first half is doctrinal instruction about the Lord and our relationship to him and the second half is practical instruction about how to live out our faith as followers of Christ. Chapters 1 and 3 contain extended prayers that are worth slowing down and reading meditatively. Chapter 6 contains specific instructions for overcoming temptation and spiritual attack with the armor of God. There is much to learn in this letter of Paul. Take your time reading this week. Take note of specific applications for your own life and relationships. Expect God to bless and direct you through your personal study of Ephesians.

Monday, May 13: Read [Ephesians 1, Acts 19](#)

\*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 the spring season.

Tuesday, May 14: Read [Ephesians 2](#)

\*Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

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

Wednesday, : May 15: Read [Ephesians 3](#)

Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

***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.
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.
6. Future Faith Goals: 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, May 16: Read [Ephesians 4](#)

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.
- 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 time of crisis.
- Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation, especially as churches unite through the Branch County Canopy of Prayer.
- 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.
- America: Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America. Pray that God would use 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.