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# AWAKEN

ABIDE

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Thank you for being a part of Awaken 2023. This is a special time in the life of our church where we set aside a period of time to seek God more intently, know Him more deeply and encounter His presence in a way that brings life change in us and those around us. The Psalmist calls it times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. That's my prayer for you. In a world that can feel like a desert sometimes, that you'd be filled up and refreshed by the Spirit of God.

God uses fasting to bring about refreshment. It's like digging a well in the desert. It takes effort, but it's worth it. This year in Awaken, I'd encourage you to prayerfully consider fasting with us. Biblically, fasting is giving up something we want (namely food) for something we want more (namely God). If you're unfamiliar with fasting, we've created a guide to help you. Abstaining from food physically stirs up hunger in our souls. It makes room for God and gives space to encounter his presence. To help you fill up and engage with God, along with your fasting, we've created this prayer guide for you. Each day you'll find a short selection of Scripture, a prayer prompt and space to discern what God is saying to you.

Our theme for Awaken this year is ABIDE. From John 15:5, Jesus said, "If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing." To abide means to make yourself at home. When we make ourselves at home in Jesus and in His word, He fills us with His Spirit, satisfies our hearts and bears fruit in and through us. He gives us love, joy and peace for those around us, so that our friends and neighbors would know Christ, see Christ and experience His love through us.

This happens through abiding, not through striving, and by making room and resting in His love. It is going to be a special time for our church and a life changing month for us all. I am praying that He would use it to bring a season of renewal and refreshing for you personally, as well as revival to our church and city. I can't wait to hear the stories of what God does in you and through you over the next 28 days.

ABIDING  
WITH YOU,  
PASTOR KEVIN

# FASTING GUIDE

"O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him!"  
Psalm 34:8

## WHAT IS FASTING?

Fasting is an act of the will to refrain from something for a specific amount of time, typically food and/or drink. Many religions and cultures have a practice of fasting and some forms of it have even become health trends.

In the Christian tradition, fasting has historically consisted of a voluntary participation in abstaining from something rather normal (most often food) for the sake of spiritual health, whether it be individuals alone or together with communities. At its root, Christian fasting is a spiritual practice that aids in cultivating a longing for, and experience of, God's presence.

We live in a world that loves buffets, all-you-can-eat food and never-ending soft serve ice cream, but there is more to God. As much as we love good food, sometimes we need to tell our bodies what matters more. What matters *most*. Fasting is a resistance; it's making space in our lives for more of God. It's giving up a good thing, for a season, for what's far better.

## WHY SHOULD I FAST?

1. To follow Jesus' commands and example. (Matthew 6:16; Matthew 4:1-11)
2. To stir up a hunger for God and tune our senses to the reality of his presence. (Psalm 34:8; Ephesians 5:14)
3. To battle against our fleshly desires for sin. (Romans 13:14)
4. As both an act of resistance against the world and an expression of faith in the world to come at Jesus' return. (Matthew 9:14-15)

We are fasting together in a *desire for renewal in our church, revival in our city and awakening across Middle Tennessee*. We long for the church to experience more of Christ and for those outside our walls to become more open to him and his ways.

## WHAT FASTING IS NOT:

1. Fasting is not trying to bend God's will toward ours. It's a practice to aid in bending our will toward his. Knowing your motivation behind a fast is important.
2. Fasting is not a weight loss program. While there may be health benefits to it, it's a practice to aid in seeking God. Again, knowing your motivation behind a fast is important.
3. Fasting is not easy. Expect temptation, distraction and an unusual sense of either doubt, discouragement or fear. Satan wants nothing more than to stop people from seeking the LORD wholeheartedly.

# HOW DO I START A FAST?

## PREPARE SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY

**Spiritually:** Pray. Ask God for guidance on how to fast and ask him what he wants to do in you and through you while you fast.

**Physically:** Ease in and ease out. If you decide to fast from food, when you begin, your body will need time to adjust to not eating and time to adjust to eating again when you complete a fast. Take one to two days to slowly begin eating less when you start fasting and one to two days on the end to introduce food again.

## MAKE A PLAN (PICK A FAST)

**Food Fasts (This is the most common fast historically.)**

- *Complete Fast:* Abstaining from anything but water.
- *Juice Fast:* Consuming vegetable juice, fruit juices and water instead of solid food.
- *Daniel Fast:* Consists solely of fruits and vegetables and gets its name from the book of Daniel, where the title character fasted for 10 days.
- *Partial Fast:* Choose a duration of time that you will abstain from eating foods or a duration of time you will do one of the previous fasts. This can be one week, one day a week, one meal a day, etc.

**If fasting food is not an option, some alternative options include:**

- *Words:* Consider not speaking for an allotted time. This has been a fairly common practice in church history finding its roots in Jesus' silence before Pilate (Matthew 27:14-15).
- *Screens:* A digital fast unplugs the noise in order to create space to hear God's voice.
- *Social Media:* Though this is not a necessity (like food), social media can cause unhealthy issues regarding identity and the way we spend our time. A fast from social media creates space for identity to be re-rooted in Christ alone with our time reapportioned to live that out.

# THERE ARE SEVERAL FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN DECIDING WHICH FAST IS BEST FOR YOU.

## HEALTH

Do you have any conditions that could prevent you from being able to fast for the sake of your health? Ex: pregnancy, history of eating disorders, nursing, etc. If you would still like to participate, talk to your doctor or consider fasting from something other than food. If you are a pregnant or nursing mother, your priority is the health and the development of the baby God has entrusted you with. Make that your guideline and go from there.

We also understand that while fasting is a spiritual discipline, many have a painful history with food and eating. If you have an active eating disorder or have historically struggled with such a condition, we similarly recommend that you avoid this type of fasting. Such disorders can take the good of this spiritual discipline and distort it. The last thing we'd want is for you to believe that by not fasting food you are falling short, are sinful or unworthy. Also, there are other things beyond food that you could choose to set aside, if you'd like to join with the church in fasting. As we've listed above, there are many healthy alternatives, beyond food, that can bring about similar spiritual transformation.

## WHAT IS REALISTIC FOR YOU

If fasting is new to you, trying something like a complete fast could be very challenging. For example, it may make more sense for you to try one day a week of a complete fast and then try doing a Daniel Fast the rest of the time.

## WHEN

After you select your fast, decide when and for how long you will fast. This will help you stay committed throughout the month.

## DECIDE WHAT YOU'LL DO INSTEAD OF EATING

Imagine what those times and days are going to be like, so you can be intentional with how you fill those moments. The key is, what is going to aid in seeking God and his presence? Some ideas include:

- Drink juice with family while they eat dinner.
- Spend time reading the Bible and praying.
- Write a letter to one of the people you are praying for.
- Visit with one of the people you are praying for.

## CONSIDER OTHERS

### Meal time:

- How is this going to affect your normal routine? How can you set others up for success who may be doing something different than you?
- If you have young kids, consider how you will communicate to them what you are doing.

### Other considerations:

- Consider keeping your fast between you, God and perhaps a handful of people who can encourage you along the way. Jesus once told regular fasters, who made sure everyone knew they were fasting, that their reward was the praise others gave them. What a tragedy that would be! (Matthew 6:16-18)
- How might you use the money you would normally spend on food to bless someone else?

## PAY ATTENTION

- **What's going on *inside* you?** When you take food away, it tends to uncover what else you are going to for comfort, hope, identity, etc. This kind of awareness is where real, internal change can take place.
- **What's going on *around* you?** Once a fast takes root, awareness of what is going on in and around you increases. In order to be able to join God in his work each day, it's important to pay attention to where he is at work in the lives of others, in the city and in the world.
- **What sticks *with* you?** Whether it be a scripture, a conversation, something you saw or a thought that just won't go away, consider why that is and perhaps if God is nudging you to do something about it.

## FINAL FASTING TIPS

Here are some other ideas that can help make your fasting experience more pleasant and helpful:

- Drink lots of water.
- As you select your type of fast, make a fasting calendar that fits your plan. Determine what each day and week will look like.
- Keep your fridge and pantry stocked with the items you need. Being unprepared to fast sets you up to give in to temptation. Choose well when selecting products, stick to raw food as much as you can and limit artificial ingredients.
- Make it a priority to attend church during your month-long fast. Being around other believers will encourage you to keep on going when fasting gets difficult.
- If you mess up, don't get discouraged. Just get right back on track and keep going. God's mercies "are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23). He wants you to finish and he will give you the grace and strength to finish.

PRAYER  
GUIDE

Awaken is about you “intentionally abiding in Jesus, and allowing the Holy Spirit to produce His fruit in you for the sake of others.” —Glenn Packiam

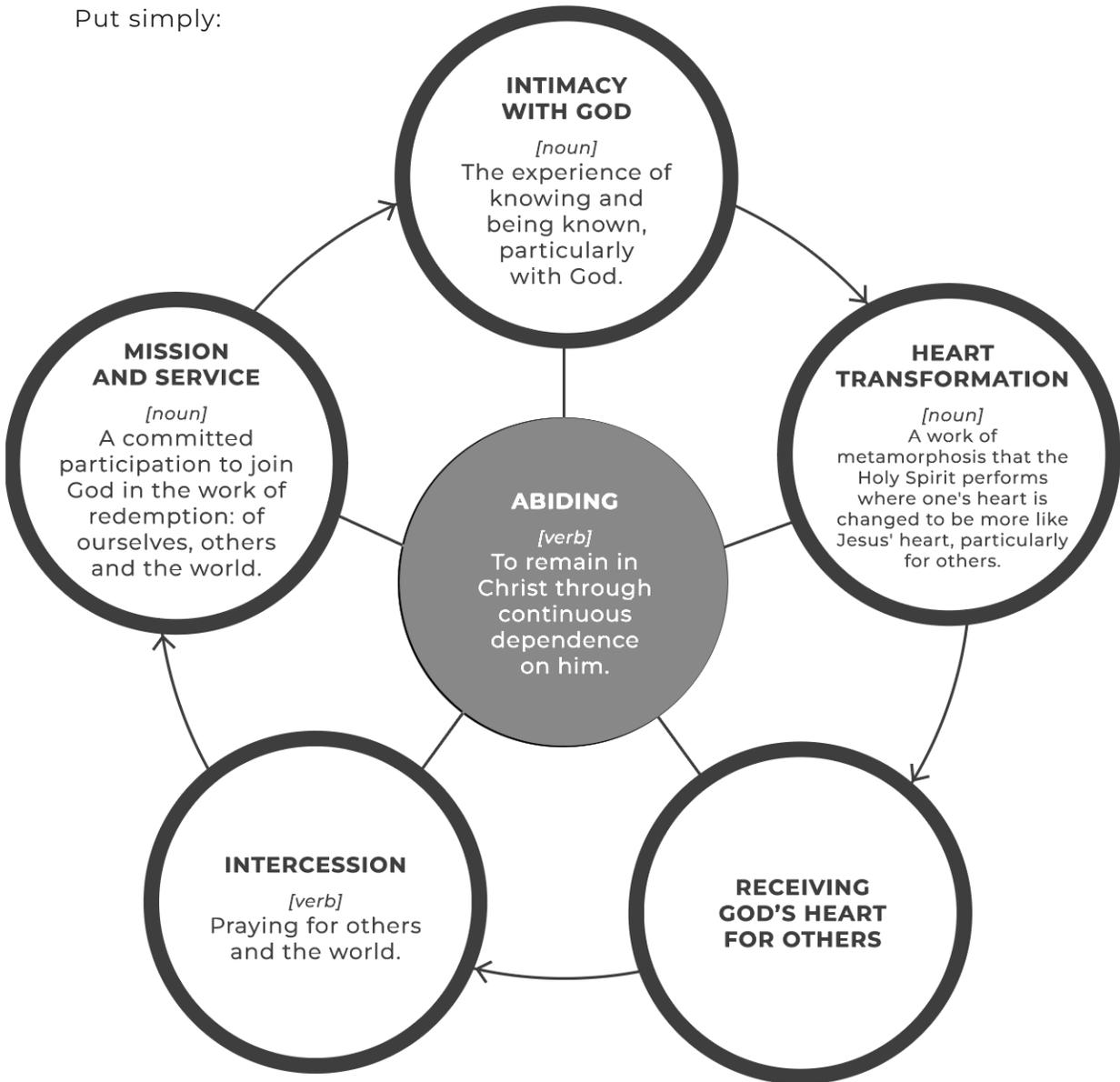
For the next 28 days our church will read through John 14-17, meditating on Jesus’ last words to his disciples before his crucifixion. As Jesus encouraged his disciples in John 15:4 to “Abide in me, as I also abide in you,” our focus during this fast is to *abide* in Jesus, allowing him to prune our hearts and grow in intimacy with the Father.

In his teaching in John 15, Jesus explains why abiding in him is vital: “This too is my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples” (John 15:8).

We abide in order to bear fruit.

Awaken has always been about seeing revival and restoration in our city and this year is no different. We are still praying for our neighbors, co-workers, friends and family, but by following what Jesus modeled for us: prayer fueled by connection with The Father through the power of the Spirit. The more you abide in Jesus the more you receive *his* heart for the world around you and the more you’ll notice invitations to participate *with him* in his mission to reveal himself to the world.

Put simply:



This prayer guide is designed to help you both abide in Jesus and actually participate in his mission by interceding on behalf of others with Jesus' words from John 14-17.

# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

As you prepare to fast and pray, invite God to share with you the specific people he wants you to intercede for this month.

Ask God to bring to mind people who you would love to see encounter the love of God and prayerfully think through this question: **“Who are five people in your sphere of influence who you would love to see grow closer to God this year?”**

In the boxes below, write the names of five people God brought to your mind.

If you need help thinking of people here are some great places to start:

- Co-workers
- Family
- Friends
- Next-door neighbors
- Teammates
- Parents of your kids’ friends
- The barista at the coffee shop you frequent
- The teenager who usually bags your groceries at the store

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YOUR NAME

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### GETTING STARTED

- At the start of each week read the assigned chapter two or three times so you understand the fullness of what Jesus is trying to teach his disciples.
- Each day, pray through the three prompts in light of the daily verse. Intimacy is predicated on honesty. These questions help us get to that!
  - Abide — What can you thank God for?
  - Abide — Is there anything you need to confess to God?  
If so, what?
  - Intercede — “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that...”  
(We have written example prayers for you for the first four days.)

WEEK 1  
JOHN 14

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**WEEK ONE KEY FOCUS**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." —John 14:6

**THEME FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus is the only way to the Father and he invites us to be a part of revealing himself to the world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## WEDNESDAY 2.1 – JOHN 14:6-7

*Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 14 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they would see you for who you truly are, a good and perfect Father. Would you open their hearts to see that Jesus is the only way to true relationship with you and give them grace to receive you into their hearts.”

## THURSDAY 2.2 – JOHN 14:10-11

*“Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 14 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they would see how you're already moving in their lives. Would you show yourself to them through situations and moments that only you can create, so that they may know you are pursuing them.”

## FRIDAY 2.3 – JOHN 14:12-13

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 14 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they would be filled with faith to believe that with Jesus, anything is possible and I pray they would see miracles in their lives. I ask that they would be bold enough to pray to you and that you would meet them in their vulnerability.”

## SATURDAY 2.4 – JOHN 14:15

*“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 14 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they would have a deep desire to be like Jesus and that they would desire the same things that Jesus desires for them. I pray that if they feel any kind of prompting from you that they would be quick to obey whatever it is you're asking them and they would see that your ways are better.”

## SUNDAY 2.5 – JOHN 14:16-19

*“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 14 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## MONDAY 2.6 – JOHN 14:20-24

*“In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered him, ‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.’”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 14 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## TUESDAY 2.7 – JOHN 14:26-27

*“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 14 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

WEEK 2  
JOHN 15

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**WEEK TWO KEY FOCUS**

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.” —John 15:4

**THEME FOR THE WEEK**

The Holy Spirit produces fruit in Jesus' followers through a process that both starts by and is sustained through abiding in Jesus.

## WEDNESDAY 2.8 – JOHN 15:1-3

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 15 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## THURSDAY 2.9 – JOHN 15:4

*“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 15 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## FRIDAY 2.10 – JOHN 15:7-8

*“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 15 as a whole and specifically today’s key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## SATURDAY 2.11 – JOHN 15:9-10

*“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 15 as a whole and specifically today’s key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## SUNDAY 2.12 – JOHN 15:12-13

*“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 15 as a whole and specifically today’s key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## MONDAY 2.13 – JOHN 15:15-16

*“No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 15 as a whole and specifically today’s key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## TUESDAY 2.14 – JOHN 15:26-27

*“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 15 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

### **WEEK THREE KEY FOCUS**

“In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” —John 16:26-28

### **THEME FOR THE WEEK**

The Holy Spirit works to help us see and be more like Jesus. The fruit of the labor is not your own, but the work of the Holy Spirit.

## WEDNESDAY 2.15 – JOHN 16:1

*“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 16 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## THURSDAY 2.16 – JOHN 16:7

*“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 16 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## FRIDAY 2.17 – JOHN 16:8-11

*“And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 16 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## SATURDAY 2.18 – JOHN 16:12-13

*“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 16 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## SUNDAY 2.19 – JOHN 16:20

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 16 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## MONDAY 2.20 – JOHN 16:26-28

*“In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 16 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## TUESDAY 2.21 – JOHN 16:32-33

*“Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 16 as a whole and specifically today’s key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

WEEK 4  
JOHN 17

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**WEEK FOUR KEY FOCUS**

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.” —John 17:20-23

**THEME FOR THE WEEK**

God's people have always been a part of His plan to restore the world back to Himself.

## WEDNESDAY 2.22 – JOHN 17:3

*“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 17 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## THURSDAY 2.23 – JOHN 17:6-8

*“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 17 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## FRIDAY 2.24 – JOHN 17:11

*“And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 17 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## SATURDAY 2.25 – JOHN 17:13-16

*“But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 17 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## SUNDAY 2.26 – JOHN 17:17-19

*“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 17 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## MONDAY 2.27 – JOHN 17:20-23

*“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 17 as a whole and specifically today's key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## TUESDAY 2.28 – JOHN 17:24

*“Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.”*

### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 17 as a whole and specifically today’s key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

## WEDNESDAY 3.1 – JOHN 17:26

*“I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”*

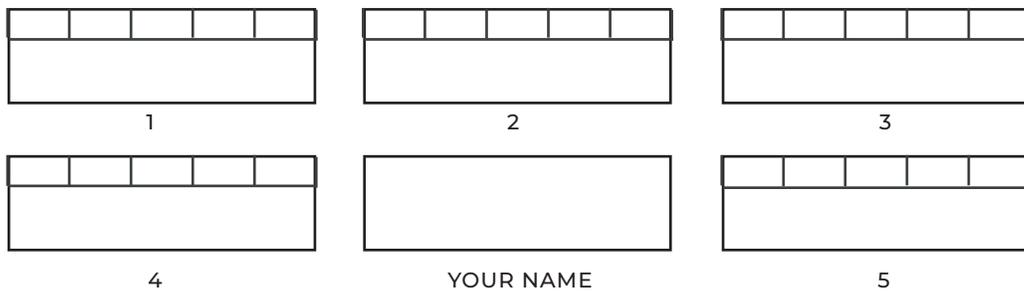
### PRAYER POINTS

In light of John 17 as a whole and specifically today’s key verse, pray through the following prayer prompts:

- What can you thank God for?
- Is there anything that you need to confess to God? If so, what?
- “Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that they...”

Throughout this fast we learned that the Church was an integral part of God’s plan, to make himself known to the world, all along. Jesus said it was better that he went away because God intended to make himself at home IN us through the Holy Spirit, to make disciples. With that understanding, take a look back at your diagram with the 5 people you’ve been praying for.

What if those 5 people had 5 people that they began interceding for?



Our intercession and God’s mission does not stop because our fast has ended. Instead, we get to look out into our communities, work places, schools, neighborhoods and city with fresh eyes, looking for places and people where God is *already* at work. Then, we get to partner with him in our friends’ lives and in our communities through prayer, word and deed in order to see our city restored back to him.