

A TRELLIS FOR VINE GROWTH

Proverbs 1.20-23 // February 4, 2024

WE HAVE WHAT WE NEED

The “streets” of our life are noisy. So many distractions that lure us away from Christ. So much so, that even *when* we interact with Him, our prayers are often very self-centered. Not that our prayers *shouldn't* involve self; they absolutely should! But they can be self-centered. Not only that, but we put *all* the pressure on ourselves to create communion and growth in Christ.

Galatians 3.3-6 // Colossians 2.6-10

For every one look at yourself, take 10 looks at Christ.

-Robert M'Cheyne

**One look at Christ will you do more good
than poring over your own wounds for a month.**

-John Newton

THE WORD, PRAYER, AND OUR RHYTHMS

To truly abide in the Vine and grow, we must make God's Word our central meal. We will not grow inwardly if we are not being filled in Him.

- **Memorizing Scripture:**

**The wedding of the Bible and prayer
anchors your life down in the real God.**

-Tim Keller

Praising Him helps us enter the real world.

-CS Lewis

Psalms 119.9-11

- **Pray Aloud:** Praying aloud keeps your mind focused and keeps the “noises in the street” buried under your own voice.
- **Tell Others:** Invite others into your practices, and give them updates.
- **Create a Spot and/or Routine:** Find ways to interact with the Lord during every day life. And remember, your prayers can be short, too!

KEEP ASKING, SEEKING, AND KNOCKING

John 5.39, 40 // John 15.4, 5 // 1 Corinthians 13.1-3 // Matthew 7.7-11

Love is inefficient. Discipleship is inefficient. Growth, relationships, and sanctification is inefficient. But we are to *keep* asking, seeking, and knocking, fighting through the noisy streets, that we can learn to breathe in and breathe out and heed the voice of wisdom that comes from the Living Water of Jesus.

NOTES:

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 25: 1-7

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalm 116:7

Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening by reading the **Call to Worship Psalm** and reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then pray the **Psalm** and the **Memory Verse** to open discussion.

Read **Proverbs 1.20-23**. What stands out in these passages and from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

What creates the most "noise" in the busy street of your heart and mind? What Gospel truths do you need to be reminded of that can pierce through that noise?

Your Life Mission

Our first duty on mission is to be satisfied in Christ and abiding in Him. Without that, our service will be like a clanging gong and utterly useless. Share what is *currently* a part of your trellis (even if it's weak or still new!). Then share what you would want to commit to add to your trellis. Are there any of these trellis pieces that can be done with others in the group?

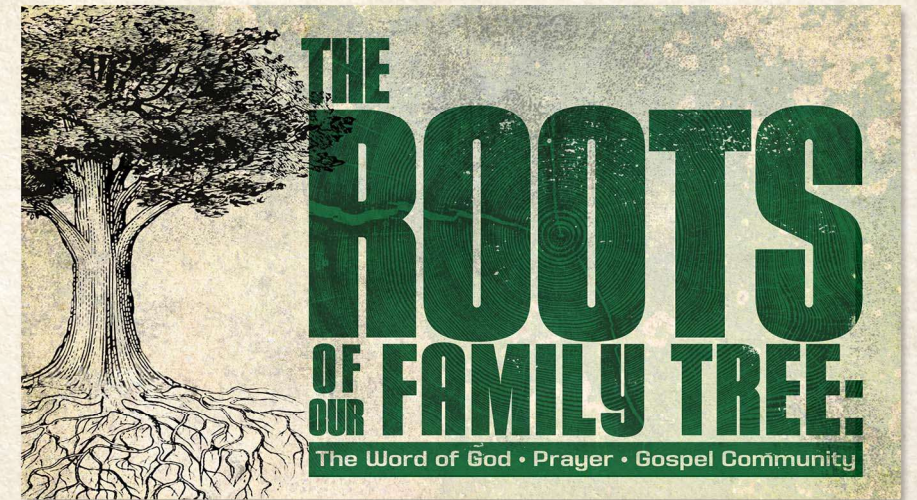
End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the Lord's P.R.A.Y.er model with your group.

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
 - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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