

# A LIFESTYLE OF ABIDING

2 Peter 1.3-15 // January 5, 2025

## DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER

In Peter's last recorded letter, he emphasizes his passion and conviction to always be reminding believers of the Gospel. It is, in some ways, a pastoral "mission statement" for all leaders to constantly be reminding those in their lives of the important Gospel truths that keep us walking with Jesus daily.

**The cross is not an event to leave, nor the starting line,  
But it is the path itself.**

-Kyle Strobel

## NEARSIGHTEDNESS

When someone is near-sighted, it means that they can only see what is close to them, sometimes even only the things that are right in front of their face. They can't see things in the distance. Peter says that we as believers easily become this way. We only see what is in front of us; what is immediate. Long distance vision is blurry to us, and it is difficult for us to see what is right in front of us in the greater context of the big, long term, eternal picture.

2 Corinthians 4.16-18 // 1 Corinthians 2.1-5

**You can't know Him without knowing His Word,  
knowing Him in prayer, and knowing Him within His people,  
but you can know the Word, be in prayer,  
and be with His people and yet *not* know Him.**

## BECOME WHAT YOU BEHOLD

**So much as we see the love of God,  
so much shall we delight in Him, and no more.**

-John Owen

### Building a Lifestyle of Abiding in Christ

- **Devotional Time:** set aside slow, deliberate time to be with Jesus.
- **Daily Bible Reading:** Consider the NT 1 Year Plan or other way to be in the Word.
- **Scripture Memory:** Consider 10 minutes per day.
- **Daily Prayer:** Learn to pray the Scriptures, the Psalms, and the Lord's Prayer.
- **Community:** Commit to a Community Group, serving, and inviting others in to your home and schedule.

## NOTES:

### Announcements:

**Community Meal & 12-year LMC Anniversary Celebration:** Join us today in the courtyard after service for pizza, sides, salads, and fellowship.

**GPS (Gospel Positioning Strategy):** Our first GPS Meeting of the year will be on January 15<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are where we discuss church updates and join together in prayer for what God is doing in and through Life Mission. Childcare will be provided.

### This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 8

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

John 14.6

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Our Community Groups will be off until the week of January 19<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime, consider ways that you hope to build a lifestyle of abiding in Christ in 2025.

Read **2 Peter 1.3-15**. What stands out in this verse and from Sunday's sermon?

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### Your Life Mission

Before any meaningful missional work is done by us, the Spirit's work must firstly be done within us. In what ways do you hope to grow and deepen your lifestyle of abiding in Christ in 2025 when it comes to the following:

The Word: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer: \_\_\_\_\_

Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Evangelism: \_\_\_\_\_

Who would you consider doing some of these with?

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

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**

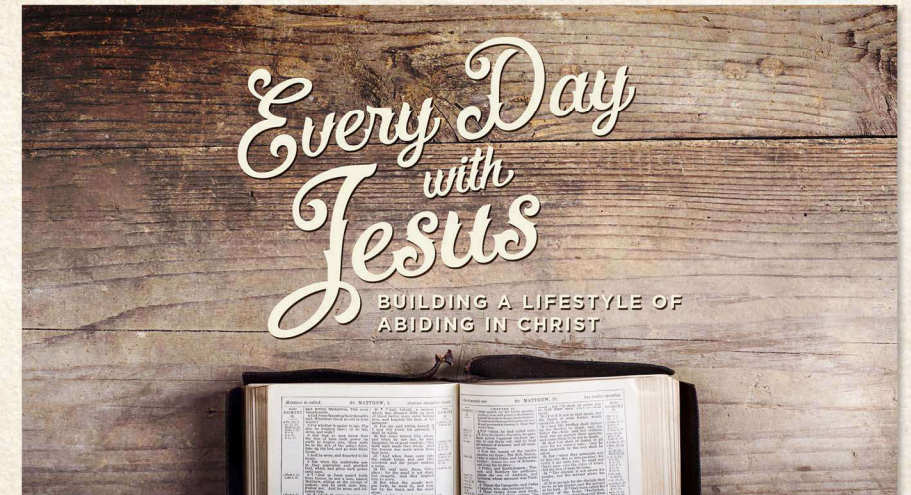
Father, be glorified in \_\_\_\_\_, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through \_\_\_\_\_ as it is in Heaven.

Give \_\_\_\_\_ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness.  
Help \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive \_\_\_\_\_,  
because You are the One who has forgiven us.

Keep \_\_\_\_\_ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises so that \_\_\_\_\_ may not sin against You.  
Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



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



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## SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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