PRAYER GUIDE

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items. Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your Life Group.

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Syracuse.

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for 1 Corinthians 3:6-10 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

6 planted, Apollos	E	L	с	Ρ	w	F	I	E	L	D	D	н	L
watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he	А	Ρ	0	L	L	0	s	к	I	L	L	Е	D
who plants nor he who	L	0	L	А	А	U	N	Е	к	v	Р	в	G
waters is anything, but	w	в	А	N	в	N	Е	м	А	s	т	Е	R
only God who gives the	ο	к		т	0	D		в	N	Е	А	D	А
growth. 8 He who plants													
and he who waters are	R	0	D	S	R	Α	Т	U	Y	Α	К	F	С
one, and each will receive	к	Ν	т	R	Ν	т	н	Т	т	с	А	R	Е
his wages according to his	_			_			_				-		
labor . 9 For we are God's	Е	L	S	Е	Y	I	Е	L	н	н	0	A	L
fellow workers. You are	R	Y	Α	С	с	0	R	D	Т	Ν	G	н	U
God's field , God's building .	S	0	М	Е	0	N	Е	Е	N	L	R	G	w
10 According to the grace	-	_				-		_	_				
of God given to me, like a	Т	В	U	I	L	D	S	R	G	I	0	I	A
skilled master builder	А	G	Т	v	Е	Ν	Е	v	Α	к	W	v	G
laid a foundation, and	к	F	F	Е	L	L	0	w	v	Е	т	Е	Е
someone else is building	-	-			-	-		~	-			~	~
upon it. Let each one take	E	F	W	A	Т	E	R	S	Е	н	н	S	S
care how he builds upon it.													



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Part 6: A Growing Family

Multiple Scriptures

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God designed his Family to be <u>FRUITFUL</u> and <u>MULTIPLY</u>

multiplication is God's plan from the beginning Genesis 1:28; 9:1; 17:6...

healthy churches multiply Acts 6:1; 6:7; 9:31; 12:24; 13:49; 16:5; 19:20

for his <u>GLORY</u> Habakkuk 2:14

multiplication is about "filling the earth" with the glory of the Lord Genesis 1:26-28

more Jesus-followers

more Churches

more Leaders Matthew 9:35-38

It's All About Jesus! Isaiah 6:1-7; 11:9-10; Philippians 2:9-11; John 3:35

others' GOOD, Genesis 12:2-3ff

and our JOY! Acts 9:31



Getting Started

1. **Getting to Know You:** If you were to join the circus, what would you do?

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

2. Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? What'd you learn? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

- 3. What's your reaction to this statement: "Every follower of Jesus is in full-time ministry."
 - a. Can you remember a time when you had the opportunity to explain to someone how they could become a Christian? What was that experience like for you? Would you do anything differently if you got to do it over again?
- 4. When we think about being in full-time ministry, we can usually come up with a lot of reasons why we aren't qualified or equipped to do what we think it takes. Moses was a lot like us in this regard. When you read about his call, you see him trying really hard to get out of his God-given mission. Read these passages and list each of Moses' excuses along with God's response.

Exodus 3:11-1 Exodus 4:1-5 Exodus 4:10-11 Exodus 4:13-16

- a. In light of our calling to be "salt & light" to the world around us (we talked about this in Part 4 of this series; *See Matthew 5:13-16*), can you relate with any of Moses' excuses?
- b. How could God's responses to Moses give someone who has similar doubts hope or courage in their calling to ministry?
- 5. We're sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us. Throughout history, the sacrificial love of Christians has had an incredible impact on people who don't know Jesus. One author's brief summary of Rodney Stark's book on the tremendous growth of the early church captures how love impacted this growth:

"Stark was puzzled at how a marginalized, persecuted, often uneducated group of people were able not only to survive, but thrive... He concludes that a key reason was their willingness to sacrifice themselves out of love for each other and for their world. This sacrifice released an explosion of light and heat the world had never known." - Shaunti Feldhahn in Y2K: The Millennium Bug

- a. What's your initial reaction to this quote?
- b. What are some hurdles people face in showing sacrificial love to those who don't know Jesus?
- c. What guidelines or tips do you see in **Colossians 3:23-24** and **1 Peter 2:12** that could influence our effectiveness in serving others?
- 6. An important part of our ministry assignment is representing Jesus well. What do the following passages add to your understanding of the ministry God desires all Christians to be involved in?

Matthew 9:35-38 Matthew 28:18-20

- a. What role do you see yourself playing in the mission described in these passages?
- 7. Spend time praying for and with your group.