## "PRAYING FOR AND WITH OTHERS" Intentional Outreach #6 February 21, 2021

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...1 Peter 3:15

## **Praying With and For Others:**

1. Pray consistently for those in your life who are disconnected from the Lord -- First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4

## How to pray for those who don't know Jesus:

- **Ask the Lord to open their heart and mind** *No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.* John 6:44
- **Pray Scripture** (Jesus said to Paul)... to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' Acts 26:18
- Set up a prayer schedule
- 2. Pray that the Lord will raise up workers to share the gospel! After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Luke 10:1-2
- **3. Pray with people whenever possible and appropriate.** *Brothers,-my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.* Romans 10:1
- 4. **Never give up!!!** And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart... Luke 18:1-8

## THE JOURNEY DEVOTIONAL February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Week Discussion Questions from the Sermon

- 1. What was something you read in the weekly Scripture readings or heard in the sermon that made an impact on you? Explain.
- 2. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4. What does this passage teach about prayer? Who prayed that you would come to faith in Jesus?
- 3. Have you ever prayed together with a friend, neighbor, etc., who didn't know Jesus? Describe. What were the barriers for you in praying aloud with someone who doesn't know Jesus?
- 4. In the sermon we talked about different ways to pray for others. What were some of those ways? What is the way you want to try this week?
- 5. Who are five people in your life who don't know Christ? List them. How can you pray for them this week?
- 6. Read Luke 18:1-8. What do you learn from this passage about persevering in prayer?
- 7. How can you apply this sermon and the bible readings to your life?

**Weekly Bible Memory Verse**: (Jesus said to Paul)... to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' Acts 26:18

**Bible Readings**: Reading these passages of Scripture will help you become like Jesus in how you think and what you do, in addition to preparing you for next week's sermon. Remember to read these passages slowly, allowing the Lord to speak to your heart and mind:

Monday – Matthew 9:9-13 Tuesday – Luke 9:18-27 Wednesday – Luke 5:1-11 Thursday – Luke 5:27-38 Friday – John 1:35-51 Saturday – Luke 9:57-62 Sunday – Luke 14:25-35