

## A Plea For Mercy

Psalm 2

### Unsurprising Evil

The latest bill passed in New York may shock us, but it should not surprise us. In a nation where “self-rights” are on the highest altar, it only makes sense. That can lead us to lose hope and become cynical and even numb, but to do so would be having an attitude of surrender. But God shows His grace and patience towards us, even those who pass these laws and celebrate them. And while we have His patience, we ought to share His grace, for it is the “kindness of the Lord that leads us to repentance.”

You can't legislate morality...

-R.M. MacIver, early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Scottish Sociologist

...but legislation can regulate behavior.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Hope (and Power) for Change

It is good to have good laws, because they give the oppressed opportunity they may not otherwise have. However, we live in a world where we will not always have the laws we know are right. And when we don't have those laws, we may not have much power to change laws. We may even lose 60 million more babies in the next 46 years (God, have mercy if this happens); but we actually *do* have hope for change. Hope that is not dependent on laws and lawmakers, and hope that *can* lead to a change in laws and lawmakers.

#### **For us, there are a few things we can do:**

- Aim to live out and share the Gospel.
  - Changed hearts vote differently. Changed hearts become future politicians. Changed hearts make better informed decisions to avoid unwanted pregnancy, or make better decisions amidst an unwanted pregnancy. Changed hearts will save lives.
- Love those who are making tough decisions regarding pregnancy.
  - Bring them care, compassion, hope, with no judgment.
- Pray for a merciful heart when you engage with others.
  - Enter into their world. Aim to understand them.
- Pray for a missionary, pilgrim mindset in this world.
  - Stop acting or thinking that you deserve to live in a conservative biblical world. No one promised you that.



## Notes:

#### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**1 Peter 1:3**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

## 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

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Psalm 2**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

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### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

It is easy to get discouraged and hopeless when we look at what is going on around us. But what Gospel truth can you remind yourself of in this text and from this sermon?

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### Repent and Ask for Provision

It's quite easy to repent "on behalf" of our country and lawmakers. But what do you personally need to repent of as it pertains to this topic? What might you ask God for to help you be more thoughtfully engaged in this issue going forward?

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### Your Life Mission

Is there anyone you know of that is considering an abortion? Or someone who has had an abortion who is struggling with "forgiving themselves" or trusting in God's forgiveness for them? You should not name them in your CG, but ask for prayer that you might be able to have an opportunity to share the hope of Christ with them.

What other conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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