

THE WISDOM OF PRIORITIZING DEVOTION

Psalms 146

RELATING TO GOD

Psalms 146.1, 2

Our relation to God is one of praise. Jesus said in **Matthew 22.37** that the greatest commandment is to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” Verse 2 even gives us specific instruction to *sing* to the Lord.

**When we get God right,  
it helps us put everything in our lives into perspective.**

Matt Chandler says, however, that when we make life about ourselves, we bring everything crashing down around us. When our marriages, jobs, and relationships are about *us*, they will be on a path of failure.

RELATING TO THE WORLD

Psalms 146.3-7

**The attitude is simple: don’t put your trust in *a* son of man, but  
put your trust in *the* Son of Man.**

The psalmist specifically focuses on not just the fact that God is God, but that God is the God of Jacob. Why does he do this? Jacob had been dead for over a thousand years, kingdoms and empires had come and gone. And yet, we worship the same God who Jacob worshipped. That same God has remained faithful, and He has never failed, even over the course of thousands of years.

**Your suffering isn’t meaningless. You can bring it with you into  
your devotional time with God, because God listens and cares.  
Cast your cares and fears upon Him.**

RELATING TO OTHERS

Psalms 146 8, 9 // Leviticus 11.44 // Romans 8.29

**Jesus is the clearest and most accurate representation  
of God’s character.**

When we “see” God and behold Him, when we are alone with Him, centering and prioritizing our life around Him, we become like Him, and we grow in godly wisdom. Do you prioritize throwing yourself at the feet of God?



NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

**1 Corinthians 15:3**

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.

**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 **Psalms 146.1-10**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

What place does praise and personal devotion to God have in your life? How does that devotion show itself (e.g., singing, prayer, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read **verses 5-10** again. How do these verses specifically point you back to the Gospel of Christ when you are being tempted to trust in other things? \_\_\_\_\_

### Repent and Confess

What do you see in these verses that expose a particular sin or behavior in your life? Read through **verses 1-4** again. Now read **Jeremiah 17.5-10**. What specific areas of your life are you trusting in man? Or maybe yourself? Where is your heart potentially deceiving you and preaching "another gospel" to you? \_\_\_\_\_

### Ask for Provision

Read **1 Peter 1.15, 16**. In light of this truth and command, and the confession of sin above, what do you need to ask for from the Lord? What fruit of the Spirit are you needing? \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Life Mission

Practically speaking, where and how do you need to not just simply "prioritize your schedule," but instead "schedule your priorities"? What changes do you think you need to make in order to saturate yourself in the wisdom of God through praise in your daily life? \_\_\_\_\_

Additionally, what conversations, appointments, meetings, or social events are coming up that you could use prayer for, as it pertains to being with your non-believing friends? How can you enter into a time of praise in preparation (and in celebration and thanksgiving afterwards) for those meet ups? \_\_\_\_\_

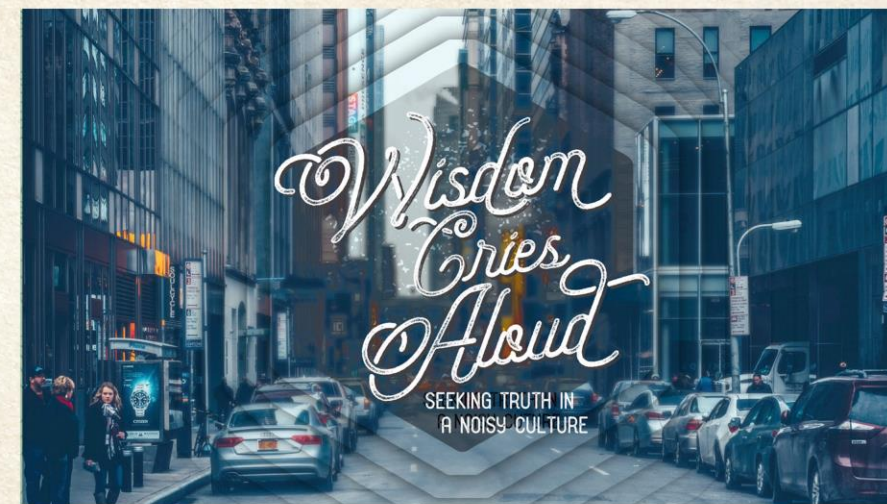
End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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



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