

P.R.A.Y. IN JESUS' NAME

John 14:8-14 // May 9, 2021

THE GREATEST DISCIPLER

We may think that the best situation we could be in when it comes to being disciplined would be to have Jesus right by our side each and every day. But He tells us it is actually to our advantage if He goes away. Why? So He can send us an even better Helper, the Holy Spirit.

The Greek word for the "helper" is "parakletos."

- "para" = "alongside"
- "clete" = "to call"

The Holy Spirit is someone we call upon to come alongside of us. He is our Advocate, like a defense lawyer, who fights on our behalf.

IF JESUS WERE YOU

**Discipleship is about becoming the person
that Jesus would be if He were you.**

-Dallas Willard

Jesus was a young boy at one point. Then a teenager who went through puberty, played games, learned to read and write, helped His mom make dinner, and eventually got a job working with His step-dad as a construction worker. He had a regular, secular job for probably 15 to 18 years of His life. He lived a very ordinary, normal, mundane, and probably uneventful life for 30 years. How did He live in those roles, those relationships, and situations? How would He live if He were you in your roles and situations?

P.R.A.Y. LIKE JESUS WOULD PRAY

**I used to ask God to help me.
Then I asked if I might help Him.
Finally, I ended up asking Him to do His work
in and through me if He would be so pleased.**

-Hudson Taylor

God gives us the great gift of prayer as a means to connect us to the power of the Gospel. When we pray with the Gospel as our jumping off point, we pray differently. We don't just "ask for stuff," but we ask for "the right stuff."

James 4:2b-3



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Job 38:4

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

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**

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**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read John 14.8-14. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

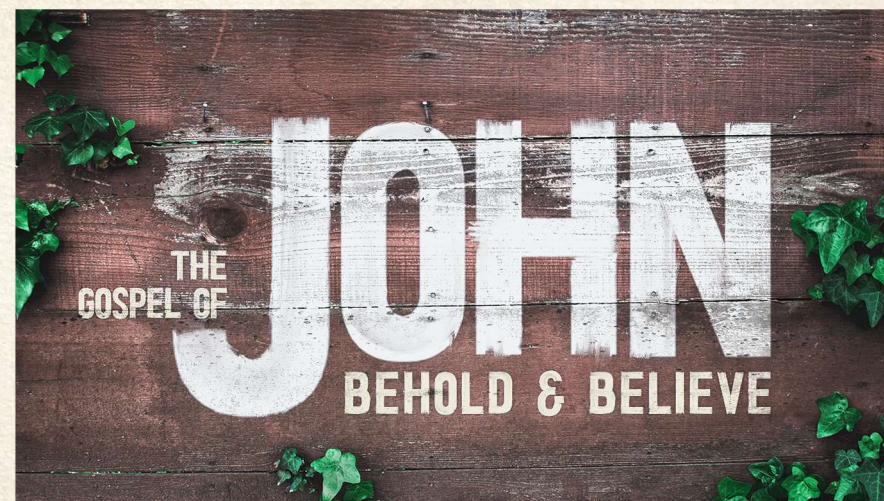
Part of the Good News is not just that Jesus dies for us (and that is amazing!), but that He also never leaves us empty handed. He promises to give us His Spirit to dwell in us and disciple us. How does the truth of the Spirit living in you give you hope and deepened trust for your future?

Your Life Mission

You are not alone in your Life Mission. You have a Helper who leads you into all truth, and gives you strength in your weakness. What conversations do you need prayer for, maybe some that you are fearful or nervous about because you feel "out of your league"? The bad news is you *are* out of your league, but the Good News is that you are *not* out of the Spirit's league!

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.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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