

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

(Commit to pray for at least 3 prayer requests from your Life Group)

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**A SUNDAY WITH "A JESUS MISSION"**

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**TIPS ON TOPICAL PRAYER**

**Prayer is an important part of being in a Life Group. We believe that prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines.**

**1. We pray for one topic at a time.**

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request either before prayer begins or during the prayer time. Once a topic is introduced, the group focuses on that request alone. Once it is covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

**2. Pray more than once.**

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray.

**3. We keep prayer short and simple.**

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it is hard for the other members to stay focused and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group. No one is required to pray out loud.

# LIFE GROUP STUDY

For the week of January 26, 2025

**This week is a CIRCLE / HIGHLIGHT / UNDERLINE Study.** This weekend, Pierce Westfall, from *A Jesus Mission*, shared with us. Take some time to read the passage below, and use the circle/highlight/underline method to identify sections that seem meaningful (or mysterious) to you.

**CIRCLE / HIGHLIGHT / UNDERLINE:** Grab your pen and highlighter and dig in to the passages below!

1. **Circle** / **HIGHLIGHT** any words or phrases that catch your attention.
2. **Underline** the verse you see as most important to remember.
3. **Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.
4. **Identify** where the story connects with the sermon points.

**Matthew 28:16-20** – (New International Version, NIV)

<sup>16</sup>Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**Mark 2:13-17** – (New International Version, NIV)

<sup>13</sup>Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. <sup>14</sup>As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

<sup>15</sup>While Jesus was having dinner at Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup>When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

<sup>17</sup>On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

## NOTES AND THOUGHTS

1. What stood out to you in this week’s passage?
2. Was there anything confusing or troubling?
3. Why is it important that “all authority in heaven and on earth” has been given to Jesus? Why does he remind the disciples of that, as part of his final words to them?
4. Jesus was willing to go to the people who needed to be near him, and he was willing to help them experience God’s way of doing life. Is God asking you to go and spend time with someone in your life this week? Is there someone close to you who needs to know that God loves them?

