

Prayer Week Guide

Day 1: (Matthew 28:19-20) "A Group" In our Discipleship Pathway we identify 5 groups of people, with 5 different ways we seek to engage them. The A group can be defined as "Anyone." In the "Great Commission" Jesus tells his disciples (and us by extension) to go out into the world and engage everyone we meet with His teaching. Today we will pray for our interactions with the world around us as we engage them in the name of Jesus.

- Pray that as a church we will seek opportunities to share the Gospel daily.
- Pray that God would guide us to new relationships so that we will have the opportunity to share our faith with new friends.
- Pray that our attitudes and behavior would serve as a witness to the love of Christ, and be seen as evidence that the Holy Spirit can change hearts and bring peace.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would burden the hearts of our friends, neighbors, and coworkers in a way that causes them to seek answers from the church.
- Pray that our invitations to church would be welcomed with excitement.

Day 2: (Colossians 3:16) "B Group" This is how our Discipleship Pathway refers to our Sunday morning service. As we meet together each Sunday morning we seek to worship God through singing, prayer, service, and the exposition of His word. Each Sunday we want to give Jesus the worship and praise the Bible tells us He deserves. We want to learn what the Scripture tells us about how we should live. We spend time reflecting on the changes we need to make to become what the Holy Spirit desires for us, by comparing ourselves to the words of God as they are explained by our pastor. We want to be encouraged by the men and women who sit beside us and do the same. Most importantly we want to welcome others who choose to join us that they might become part of this group we call the church.

- Pray for our pastors and staff as we work each week to prepare the service.
- Thank God for the countless volunteers and servants who give of their time as an act of worship so we can have our Sunday services.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would supernaturally soften our hearts to hear the message from Scripture.
- Pray that God would lead men and women to our church who are seeking answers for their lives.
- Pray that the members of our church would openly welcome every single person who walks through this door with love and compassion.
- Pray that in an age of prosperity pastors and political pundits we would be focused on the message of the Bible and the Worship of Jesus as king.

Day 3: (John 13) “C group” One of our core values here at Wallace is “to grow bigger we must grow smaller.” While that phrase sounds contradictory at first, we can find the building block of community in the heart of its meaning. It’s hard to get to know anyone in a room of a thousand people where we are all listening to one person speak. The Bible calls us to know each other and to be known by each other. So we break up into smaller groups to do that. We call these “Connect Groups.” In our Connect groups we spend time studying the Bible, personally applying what we learned from the sermon, and praying for the other members of our group. This is also the group where you can find social connection and community. Our Connect groups are so much more than a Bible story and a lecture. They are the place where relationships can be built around biblical friendship and love. Just like Jesus exhibited his love for his disciples, our Connect groups give us a place to know, love, and serve our fellow members as we learn and apply the Scripture.

- Thank God for our Connect Group leaders, as they tirelessly prepare, communicate, and care for their groups.
- Ask that God would help us push past the social awkwardness and false niceties to really get to know our fellow Connect members in a real and meaningful way.
- Pray that we would listen to the Holy Spirit as we analyze ourselves and apply the lessons from Scripture to our lives.
- Pray that we would actively invite and welcome guests and new members into our Connect groups so they too might have a chance to start building that community.
- Ask that God would raise up new teachers and leaders among our Connect Groups so that we might multiply.
- Pray that our Connect group members would compassionately bear each other’s burdens as a Christian family.

Day 4: (Hebrews 10:24-25) “D-Group” You may have noticed that each group we mention gets smaller as we go. D groups are actually the smallest of all our groups and require the highest level of commitment. A D group (of Discipleship group) consists of 3-5 members of the same gender who come together on a regular basis to share what they have recently learned through their spiritual disciplines. Each member will then explain how they want to apply those lessons from Scripture to personal growth and change in their lives, and ask the rest of the group to hold them accountable for these changes the next time they meet. This is a difficult process. It requires trust, commitment, time, and maturity. The book of Hebrews tells us not to neglect meeting together so we can be encouraged to do good works. James tells us to confess our sins to each so we can be held accountable and grow. D group is the place we do that at Wallace.

- Pray that our members would embrace maturity in their faith and commit to the D group process.
- Pray that the D group process would result in growth and revival for all those who participate.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to grant conviction and guidance to us as we read Scripture.
- Pray for the members of our D groups to have the courage to be open and vulnerable as they seek to grow

Day 5: (Acts 1:1-14) “E-Group” The vision for discipleship and engagement at Wallace begins and ends with the same idea: We are called to tell the world about Jesus and spread His kingdom. This is why our final step on the discipleship pathway is the E group or evangelism team. The New Testament authors were overwhelmingly clear that Jesus' final directive to His disciples was to follow the Holy Spirit as He led them out into the world to share the message of hope Jesus fulfilled. At Wallace, we want nothing more than to echo the words and the call of Jesus as the Holy Spirit still leads us today. That's why we have E groups. An E group is a collection of people that focus their time and relationships in a particular geographic area, people group, or activity and try to leverage those relationships for the chance to share the Gospel. No, we're not asking you to memorize an outline or attend another event, we're asking you to build intentional relationships in the spaces you already inhabit.

Pastor John has been leading by example in this for some time. He spends a lot of time in the bleachers as a baseball dad. Instead of checking out and playing on his phone, he spends that time intentionally engaging other parents, asking about their lives, and earning the right to have Gospel conversations with them. What makes this an “E group?” Well, he also checks in with other baseball parents in our church who do the same. They pray for each other, help answer questions, and encourage one another as they continually move forward in relationship building for evangelism. Does it work? Well, there are now dozens of new people in our church from baseball families as a result of this team. They didn't need a radio advertisement, or a canned presentation, they needed someone to care about them and invite them into a community.

Where are the people you care about? How are you going to reach them? What is your E group going to do?

- Ask God to put a burden on your heart for the people He wants you to reach.
- Pray that you will have the courage and energy to strike up those conversations and build those relationships as you engage your community.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to supernaturally soften the hearts of all those who will hear the Gospel through our E groups.
- Pray that God will send you other church members who share the same compassion and affinity for these people groups in your community.
- Pray that Jesus will be glorified and His kingdom will be expanded.

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Connect Group Discussion Questions

- Do you use a prayer calendar or a journal? Do you follow a guided prayer from a devotional book? What structures do you use to stay disciplined in your prayer life?
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 say we should “pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” What’s the difference between a running dialogue of prayer in your head with God and a set apart time of prayer about specific things? Why are they both important? What does each one accomplish?
- What is the best way to pray with other people? This can happen in a number of different scenarios. How would you pray differently for a meal, as opposed to on the stage at church? How would a prayer time with your family be different from a prayer time with your Connect group?
- What scenarios in your life cause you to pray the most? Do we just ask for things or do we also talk to God about other topics? What does this look like in your life?
- Take a few minutes and pray for specific circumstances in each other’s lives right now.
- Make sure you follow up on those requests next week.