

For the week of October 1-7, 2017

Based on Pastor Tucker Maile's message from October 1

## Made for a Mission

**Best Way to Prepare for Your Group?** Listen to the teaching and read the appropriate scripture. Please give emphasis to the latter. These notes are prepared on Fridays. Sometimes, Pastor Tucker modifies his sermon right before service. So, allow for flexibility. Remember, your time together isn't meant to be a re-teaching of the most recent lesson. Instead, the discussion points and questions are designed to encourage group members to share insight and application of what they've learned from God's Word—and thereby grow closer to the Lord and each other.

### [Format for the Evening]

#### WELCOME:

Get to know each other. Re-introduce yourselves if need be and welcome any newcomers. Invite those new to the group to share a little about their lives and Christian experience. Spend some time talking about real-life issues that may have come up during prayer or fellowship time the previous week. These Community Groups are more than Bible studies. They are designed to help believers form deep and lasting relationships.

**KEY PASSAGE:** *"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."—Hebrews 12:1-2*

#### THINK ABOUT THE TEACHING: The Race of Faith

Every person in life goes through seasons of transition—points in life when our direction changes, and we begin a new thing. We need to keep in mind that in order to start something new, we have to let go and move on from what once was (Phil. 3:13-14, Is. 43:18-19). At some point, the transition ends, and you are in the new season. The Bible says we are in a race with an end goal. Own what God has put before you, and run the race with excitement.

#### TALK ABOUT THE TEACHING:

1. Are there things from your past that are holding you back from fully committing to the call God has placed on your life? As a group, share how you have been successful in letting go of the past.
2. What is the direction God has given you for your race in this season of your life? If you don't know, commit to spending time this week seeking God for the answer.

### **THINK ABOUT THE TEACHING: Sent to Gather the People**

In Luke 14:15-24 Jesus tells the story of three types of people: obedient, busy, and broken. The obedient man was sent on a mission. His master put on a great feast, and it was his job to gather the people who were invited. His first attempts were unsuccessful, as the people were too busy to attend. They allowed the work in front of them to distract them from what was most important. Then he was sent to invite the broken people—the poor, the hurting, the sick. There are no boundaries or limitations when it comes to the love of our Father. It is not bound by social status, prosperity, sickness, or any other thing we get hung up on. The situations and experiences that have left so many broken and hurting are the reasons they will be able to gladly, with joy, accept what He has set before them. This picture of God's heart is so applicable to us as a church. Our God is constantly sending us to people, because He loves people.

### **TALK ABOUT THE TEACHING:**

1. Are there things in your life that are taking priority over what God is calling you to right now? How will you deal with those to press forward in His call on your life?
2. What opportunities do you currently have to reach out to people in your sphere of influence?
3. Discuss some examples of times when your attempts to reach people for Christ have been hindered, and how you handled that. How did you move forward to continue to share Jesus?

### **TAKE TIME TO PRAY:**

Please pray that God would show believers how to live like Jesus, empowered by the leading of the Holy Spirit so that their divinely inspired and life-changing love reveals God to the world around them. Pray that the lives of the family members at Calvary Boise glorify God and draw others into His Kingdom. Pray that we will be actively engaged in pursuing revival.

### **TRANSITION TO REAL LIFE:**

Before you head home take some time to talk about the week ahead, make note of any needs and prayer requests, and enjoy each other's company. That's what family does.

**Note:** Pastor Tucker welcomes your feedback. Please email him at [tucker@ccboise.org](mailto:tucker@ccboise.org) with your insight.

## **WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS**

*“But ye beloved, building up yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.” –Jude 20*

What our prayers avail, depends upon what we are and what our life is. It is living in the name of Christ that is the secret of praying in the name of Christ; living in the Spirit that enables us to pray in the spirit. It is abiding in Christ that gives the right and power to ask what we will: the extent of the abiding is the exact measure of the power in prayer. It is the Spirit dwelling within us that prays, not in words and thoughts always, but in a breathing into our spirits and a being deeper than utterance. Just so much as there is of Christ's spirit in us, is there real prayer. –Andrew Murray

**About the Author:** Andrew Murray was a Dutch Christian Reformed missionary sent from Scotland to South Africa. He founded the South African General Mission and was a popular itinerant preacher when he lost his voice for an extended period of time. Unable to speak he wrote more than 240 books, including many Christian classics, before his voice was miraculously restored. He lived from 1828 until 1917.

### **Our Community Group:**

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### **Prayer Requests for Our International Missions**

- Pray for Brent and Hope in Italy as they minister in Rome, Italy. Pray for Brent as he begins the planning process for returning to Kenya at the end of November. Also pray for Hope as she gets back to work on the Sunday school curriculum.
- Please pray for a new place to meet for Saul and Angelica and their church in Tepic, Mexico. They also pray for safety amidst the unrest in Tepic. The cartels are continuing to incite violence, with more than ten people killed last week alone.
- Miguel and Luisa Cruz ask for prayer for their trip to Hidalgo on December 24. They are taking two boxes of Bibles, one box of pamphlets, and used clothes to give to the Nawhalt Indians and other poor people in the area. Pray for financial provision for gasoline, toll booths, and food. Pray for the right team to go with them. They want to preach the Gospel.
- Pray for Brian and Cynthia Fouts in Romania as they hosting a team from the Bible college in November. They ask for prayer for all of the logistics that go with that and most importantly that the Lord would be glorified as they serve together for 10 days.

### **Prayer Requests for our Local Ministry**

- Please lift up Commissioned Week (Oct. 14-21). The goal is to ignite the missional flame in our body. Please pray for the successful planning and execution of this event as well as the practical working of the Holy Spirit. Pray that the body is exhorted and encouraged and that Christ is glorified.
- Pray for the volunteers and kids who just began AWANA for the year. Pray that the kids would grow closer to the Lord as a result of their diligence in learning His Word. Pray also that the volunteers would be blessed for pouring their lives out to serve these kids.
- Pray for more people to volunteer to serve in our special needs ministry. Pray that we will be a blessing to the special needs community.