

Luke 17:11-19

Lord, today we gather to be taught under your word. We praise you always and pray that this time of learning and worship will honor you. You instruct us in wisdom and lead us along straight paths so that our steps will not be hampered. Let us hang on to your word, and hold it tight so that it will become our life. (Proverbs 5:10). Lord, I pray that we will know your word so well in our hearts that it will be what pours out of our mouths in hard times.

Our King, we cry out to you for mercy and healing for ourselves and those around us. The challenges of this world leave hurts, visible and invisible, that feel overwhelming. At times you can feel far from us. We can cry out day and night and feel no rest. (Psalm 23:3) But God, you see us (v14). You see us in our darkest places. You see us in our pain. You see all our struggles and you reach out in love and comfort. Your loving kindness, O Lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. (Psalms 36:5) Lord I pray that we will see each other and offer love and comfort to those around us.

God, we can be a forgetful people. When times are easy and you bless us with rest we can wonder from you. We can be forgetful like sheep wandering from safe pasture. We pray that we won't forget you in those times of ease because we want to be a people who recognize your generosity. We want to be overflowing with gratitude for you. We need to rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us." (1 Thessalonians 5:18). God, may we always remember you and praise you boldly.

Lord, we want to pray for all the things happening here at the church today. We pray for the Gospel class that is starting today that it will be an opportunity for your people to grow in knowledge and strength in you. We pray for disciples to be made and encouraged. Lord, please give Jordan insight as he teaches and give those who gather to learn ears to hear.

We pray for the children's church. We pray for the leaders to know your word and share it faithfully with our youth. We pray for the children to have hearts that are open to you. We pray for them to know you and walk in your ways and we pray that the lessons they learn here can be a part of that growth in them.

Finally Lord, we pray for Kevin as he brings the message to us today. We pray that your truth would be known through his words today. Convict our hearts that we may follow you better. Let your Holy Spirit strengthen our love for you and may we know you better through our worship today.