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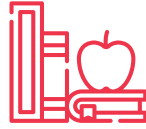
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FOR
SCHOOLS



FOR
NEIGHBORHOODS



FOR
OUR CITIES



FOR
THE FORGOTTEN



Pathway Family and Friends,

We talk often about what it means to follow Jesus, in community, for others. During the next five weeks, we want to focus specifically on that phrase “in community” in two specific ways.

First, as followers of Jesus, it’s important for us to be in a face-to-face group with others who want to follow Jesus and live like He did. We call these groups Home Teams. They are the best way to experience authentic friendship as Christ followers and to grow as disciples. If you are already in a group, I’m so glad that you’re participating in this series. If you are new to a group, you might be a little anxious. Let me encourage you to stick with it and see what God does.

Second, He has called us to live for others out in our community. We want to show the love of Jesus to everyone around us not just to those we know. Sometimes people in our communities only hear about what churches are against and we want to share what we, and Jesus, are for.

- **For Schools** – God is for children so I will advocate for schools
- **For Neighborhoods** – God is for neighbors so I will show the people I live near that God cares for them.
- **For Our Cities** – God is for my city so I will build a strong community.
- **For the Forgotten** – God is for the forgotten so I will love and shepherd the last, least, and lost.

As a further demonstration that we believe God has a heart for our communities, on October 12 & 13, we are canceling all of our weekend services and asking everyone to participate in Serve Weekend. Throughout the series, we’ll be asking you to sign up for a project at a school, in your neighborhood, in your city, or with a forgotten group. It’s going to be a great way to live out our faith and to demonstrate to those around us that God is for others.



I hope you will take this challenge seriously, be here every week for the next five weeks, participate in a Home Team, and sign up to volunteer on Serve Weekend.

Looking forward to serving with you!

Todd Carter, Lead Pastor



Our primary goal through
For... is that 100% of
people at Pathway would
engage in:

Finding community in
Home Teams

Living for others through
serving together

Inviting to experience
the hope of Jesus

How will you respond?

PRAY FERVENTLY. Pray that God would multiply our efforts to make disciples and make Christ known. Pray that He would do abundantly more than we ask or imagine for His great name.

My prayer is: _____

COMMIT FULLY. Help us reach our goal of 100% engagement in *For...* Stand side by side with your church family. Commit to do what God asks. Put your “Yes!” on the table.

My commitment is: _____

GROW CONSISTENTLY. Attend each weekend from September 14 & 15 through October 12 & 13. Engage in the *For...* study with your Home Team. Learn all you can about God’s heart and purpose for you to live for others.

A growth area for me is: _____

GIVE GENEROUSLY. Ask God to show you what it looks like to give in a way that changes you. Take whatever steps are required to see it through.

I can grow in generosity by: _____

INVITE INTENTIONALLY. Make the ask to all the names on your invite list.

(Fill out page 9)



I AM FOR **OTHERS**

I will pray for the following five people to come to a weekend service at Pathway, join me in my Home Team, or serve our community with me.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Weekend Message Notes

September 15 & 16

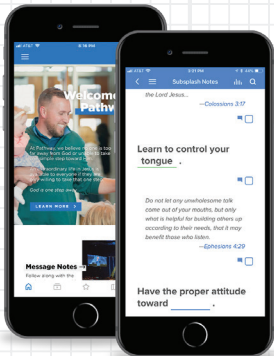
Week 1: *For Schools*

September 21 & 22

Week 2: *For Neighborhoods*

September 28 & 29
Week 3: *For Our Cities*

October 5 & 6
Week 4: *For the Forgotten*



**Take weekend
message notes on
the Pathway App**

Download at pathwaychurch.com/app

Weekend Message Notes

Additional Notes & Prayers

Subscribe to receive devotionals in your email inbox daily!

PATHWAY DAILY DEVOTIONALS are written by staff and volunteers to align with the weekend message and help your spiritual growth throughout the week.

Read on the Pathway App or online at [***pathwaychurch.com/devotionals***](https://pathwaychurch.com/devotionals).



Home Teams

Group Study

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DISCUSSION GUIDE



Group Discussion Guide

September 14 & 15 | Week 1: For Schools

① Big Idea

God is for children so I will advocate for schools.

📄 Ice Breaker, Scripture, In the Word

▶ Watch Week 1 Video (on DVD or at pathwaychurch.com/studies)

📄 Make It Personal, Prayer

Ice Breaker

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Read

Matthew 19:13-15; Titus 2:6-8; 2 Timothy 3:16; Proverbs 4:13

In the Word

1. In [Matthew 19:13-15](#) we find Jesus' heart for families and children. When dealing with kids, how can we confuse our priorities like the disciples did in this passage?

2. In [2 Timothy 3:16](#) the Scripture is there to teach us, rebuke us, correct us, and train us. Share a time Scripture has done one of those four things in your life that was very impactful.

Make it Personal

1. What can we do to let our schools know we are **for them**?

3. Share how you have helped or plan to help our schools know God is **for them**.

Pray

In groups of two or three, pray about specific ways each person can reflect God's love for our children and schools.



Serve Weekend October 12 & 13

What are your **Serve Weekend** plans? Whether you are serving in a neighborhood, at a school, or at an organization, start talking about the details now. Who will you invite to come serve with you? Make sure to pass along all the details to those you invited and will be joining you.

Make sure you pick up your t-shirt in the Atrium to wear every weekend to church and on **Serve Weekend**!

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Family Table Talk

Ask your children what they learned this weekend at Pathway and review the **Family Table Talk** card they brought home! Pre-K through high school ministries are studying a version of the *For...* messages that are designed specifically to be on their level.

Group Discussion Guide

September 21 & 22 | Week 2: For Neighborhoods

🕒 Big Idea

God is for neighbors so I will show the people I live near that God cares for them.

📄 Ice Breaker, Scripture, In the Word

▶ Watch Week 2 Video (on DVD or at pathwaychurch.com/studies)

📄 Make It Personal, Prayer

Ice Breaker

What was a high moment and a low moment from this past week?

Read

Mark 12:31; Matthew 23:38-39; Luke 10:25-37; 1 Peter 4:8-11

In the Word:

1. In your own words, what is Jesus saying in [Mark 12:31](#)?

2. Why is it so difficult to be like the Good Samaritan in [Luke 10](#)?

3. What does [1 Peter 4:8-11](#) teach us about how we should treat our neighbors?
4. Explain the impact [1 Peter 4:8-11](#) can ultimately have on people.

▶ Watch Video

Video Questions:

1. What is an example of “loving your neighbor” on your block or near you that you’ve seen?
2. What’s holding you back from truly loving your neighbors?

Make it Personal

1. How can we make it easier to see opportunities to be the “Good Samaritan” even in the midst of our busy schedules?

2. Is there someone that comes to mind when you think of “loving your neighbor” that has been a challenge? Who is that person and what can you do to step into all Jesus calls us to do to love others?

Pray

Pray for a specific neighbor this week that you need to help with a need, invite to church, or invite to serve.



Serve Weekend October 12 & 13

Have you picked up your t-shirt yet? They are for everyone that will be volunteering on Serve Weekend. Make sure to pick one up for anyone that you have invited! Wear them to church the weekends before and during your project time.

Remember, no services on Serve Weekend.

How about childcare? Childcare is offered during a limited time and by reservation only. Check availability and register at pathwaychurch.com/serveweekend.

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Group Discussion Guide

September 28 & 29 | Week 3: For Our Cities

① Big Idea

God is for my city so I will build a strong community.

📄 Ice Breaker, Scripture, In the Word

▶ Watch Week 3 Video (on DVD or at pathwaychurch.com/studies)

📄 Make It Personal, Prayer

Ice Breaker

What city do you consider your home town and what was special about it?

Read

[Jeremiah 29:5-7](#); [Acts 1:8](#)

In the Word

1. Name the various aspects or ways we can reflect God's love for our cities according to [Jeremiah 29:5-7](#).

2. Which of these ways shown in [Jeremiah 29:5-7](#) have you seen impact a town or city?

3. What does it mean to seek the “welfare of the city” in [Jeremiah 29:7](#)?

4. When we think about our city, why is it so important to understand [Acts 1:8](#)?

▶ Watch Video

Video Questions:

1. What do you appreciate about the city where you live right now?
2. What can you do to help your city, your community, or your neighborhood to be a better place?

Make it Personal

1. What specific things are you are willing to pray for in your community?

2. Share how the Holy Spirit can empower you to be an effective witness for Jesus in your community.

Pray

Pray for our city, its leaders, and for your will to overcome obstacles.



Serve Weekend October 12 & 13

If your group has not found a project, sign up individually at pathwaychurch.com/serveweekend. Spots will be limited, so serving together is not guaranteed. We still highly encourage you to volunteer, even if it isn't with your whole group.

No services for Serve Weekend. Don't forget to pick up and wear your t-shirts!

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Group Discussion Guide

October 5 & 6 | Week 4: For the Forgotten

① Big Idea

God is for the forgotten so I will love and shepherd the last, least, and lost.

📄 Ice Breaker, Scripture, In the Word

▶ Watch Week 4 Video (on DVD or at pathwaychurch.com/studies)

📄 Make It Personal, Prayer

Ice Breaker

Share a quick story of when you were served by a neighbor or maybe someone you didn't even know. How did that make you feel?

Read

[Matthew 25:31-46](#); [1 Corinthians 9:22](#)

In the Word

1. Read [Matthew 25:34-36](#) and make a list of those who are forgotten in our society today even beyond Jesus' list.

2. In [Matthew 25:37-39](#), why do you think Jesus gives this example that the "righteous" were surprised by the king's statements?

3. How would you put [Matthew 25:40](#) in your own words so that it could be explained to a middle schooler?

4. Can you think of an example of [1 Corinthians 9:22](#) that you have seen or experienced?

▶ Watch Video

Video Questions:

1. In addition to prisoners, who are some of the forgotten people in our community?
2. What forgotten person in our community has God put on your heart to reach out to and what might you do to be able to help them?

Make it Personal

1. Why is it important to care for the forgotten?

2. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt forgotten? Describe how it felt.
3. Who can you reach out to this week to feel God's presence and let them know they are not forgotten?

Pray

Pray for the last, least, and lost that God would provide comfort to them and that we would be a blessing. Pray that what you do on Serve Weekend will show the love of Jesus.



Serve Weekend October 12 & 13

Next weekend is Serve Weekend! Are you ready? Discuss any final details you need to make with your team to serve (When and where do we meet? What should we bring?). It's not too late to invite someone to come serve with you! Wear your shirt and have a wonderful weekend of blessing others.

Don't forget—no weekend services next weekend—we'll see you back at your regular campus on October 19 & 20.

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SERVE WEEKEND

Serve Weekend

OCTOBER 12 & 13

Often, the church and Christians are known for what we are against, but we want to address some things we, and God, are for.

We want to make an impact right where we live to show others what we are for in neighborhoods, schools, organizations and beyond. Making an impact all over Wichita, Goddard, Maize, and Valley Center in the name of Jesus is what it's all about!

Find a Project & Register

Learn more at pathwaychurch.com/serveweekend

T-Shirt

Pick up shirts in your Atrium starting September 14 & 15. Pick up shirts for anyone you invited also.

Wear your shirt to services each weekend as well as when you serve in the community on October 12 & 13.

Give Online

Make your regular gifts online at pathwaychurch.com/give

Childcare

Limited childcare for children ages five and under will be available at all campuses by reservation. Check pathwaychurch.com/serveweekend for details.

**REMINDER: NO WEEKEND SERVICES
ON OCTOBER 12 & 13**





Dates to Remember:

For... Message Series

Week 1: For Schools *September 14 & 15*

Week 1: For Neighborhoods *September 21 & 22*

Week 3: For Our Cities *September 28 & 29*

Week 4: For the Forgotten *October 5 & 6*

Serve Weekend

October 12 & 13

No formal weekend services—go serve in the community!

Overcomer Message Series

Begins October 19 & 20

New message series about overcoming obstacles in our lives.

FAQ:

What is the purpose of the *For...* series?

For... is designed to fire all three pistons of our strategy statement: Following Jesus, In Community, For Others. These working simultaneously will result in a large amount of people taking next steps in their relationship with Jesus.

Why *For...*?

Often, the church and Christians are known for what we are against, but we want to address some things we, and God, are for.

Why are we canceling weekend church services on October 12 & 13?

We feel so strongly about going out into our community and serving people that we are for that we want to make a statement. What better way than telling people not to attend one weekend but to instead go out and serve!

How can I participate in Serve Weekend?

If you are in a Home Team, talk to your group and decide on a project. Your group leader will sign you up and provide instructions.

If you are not in a Home Team or your group is not going to participate together, find a project and sign up online at pathwaychurch.com/serveday.

What is a Home Team? How do I get connected?

Home Teams are what we call our small groups environment at Pathway Church. They are a place where you can enjoy authentic friendship and discover more of God's purpose for your life. Home Teams are focused on building relationships, growing spiritually, and impacting our community together.

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Each campus has many different types of groups you can experience. The easiest way to get connected to a group is by reaching out to your campus pastor and they will give you more information. You can also visit pathwaychurch.com/hometeams and search the open groups.

I don't know how to invite others to Pathway or to my Home Team. What's the best way to do that?

It's hard to invite someone you don't know to attend church with you. Listen for these three simple cues to come up in everyday conversation:

"I'm not from here."

"I wasn't prepared for that."

"It's not going well."

What does being a multi-site church mean?

Pathway Church is one church with locations in Wichita, Goddard, and Valley Center. As a multi-site church, our three campuses are managed by a Central Services Team, led by Lead Pastor Todd Carter, which equip and empower our campus teams to facilitate life-changing relationships with people in and around each campus.

We have a vision to see more sites in more communities over the next five years as well as a permanent facility for our Valley Center Campus. This will help fulfill the Great Commission which is rephrased in our mission statement: "Connecting people to Jesus and helping them become His fully-devoted followers."

Questions about something else?

Send us an email at info@pathwaychurch.com or speak with your campus pastor this weekend.

