

Sermon Guide for Tribes September 18, 2022

Message Title: Live Sent Scripture: Matthew 4:12-17 12 Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Points of Consideration: Jesus Withdrew to Settle Jesus Settled to Preach Jesus Preached the Kingdom **Discussion Questions:** Throughout Jesus' ministry, Jesus often withdrew to commune with the Father (cf. Mat 12:5; Luke 9:18; Mark 6:30-32; Matthew 14:13; Luke 22:39-44; Luke 5:16). Are there times where you found the need to withdraw into silence and solitude with the Lord? Why is it important to withdraw at times?

Withdrawing from the distractions of life cannot be a place of permanence. The Lord calls us to go into the world and make disciples (Matthew 28:16-20). Consider Matthew 9:35-38. How does Jesus respond to the state of the people who do not know him as the Good Shephard? How should we respond?

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# Prayer Guide for Tribes

# Begin your time of discussion today by praying earnestly over the Sunday morning service!

#### **You Turn Ministries**

- Urgent Prayer Need: Malawi is currently experiencing civil unrest as a result of a nationwide fuel shortage; pray not only for the resolution of this crisis but also for YouTurn ministry partners who are affected by the ongoing conflict.
- Soccer league: pray for You Turn's soccer ministry as it brings hundreds of people in to hear the Gospel from pastoral students who preach to the crowds at halftime.
  - Thousands have come to Christ and five churches have been planted through the soccer ministry since February!
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students, who are being trained to plant churches over the next two years.
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn currently supports. Join with You Turn as they pray that God would develop these students into strong, Bible-believing adults that would greatly impact their villages!

#### **Church Plants!**

- Hispanic Church Plant
- We are currently working with area missionaries in the Stone Mountain Baptist Association to plant a Hispanic church in our facilities here at Fusion!
  - Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family to and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
    - "Pray for the Lord to use me to reach Hispanics in the community who are lost. Pray also that their hearts will be receptive to the Gospel. Pastor Roberto
  - Pray for Osiel, a caterer person of influence in the Hispanic community who is not a believer but who is open to the church plant.
  - We are in the process of starting our initial Spanish Bible studies on Sunday nights, with a launch date set for October 16<sup>th</sup>!!! Pray for volunteers to help serve for childcare and transportation and for God to arrange all the details! Pray for God to grow this ministry from day one

- Walton County Church Plant
- o Pastor Matt is collaborating with local pastors who have a heart for church planting to place a church in the Walton County area. Please pray that God would raise up a planter and a core group of church members and that God would open doors in the near future!
- Specifically, pray for a planter who will lead this church; this is a huge obstacle for the initial stages of the plant.

### Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- A building- currently, LCC Weymouth is meeting in a local community center as a mobile church. Having to borrow a space presents many inconveniences for all that the church would like to do and be. They are already praying that God would provide for them a permanent place to do ministry.
- "Dots on the Map": LCC is designed to be a network of churches who continuously plant new churches all over the greater Boston area. The Weymouth parish is the most recent plant, and communities have been identified in Hull, Dorchester, Hingham, Randolph, etc. Pray that God would raise up communities of believers and pastors to shepherd them in these areas!
- Life has begun a study in Revelation, and Noah has asked us to pray that they will grow in their love for God's Word and their desire to be students of the Word. They have a large population of new believers, and Noah is so excited to teach them how to study the Bible.
- Seach Elementary School, Weymouth, MA- Pray that God will give LCC favor in their relationship with this school. Noah was invited to the beginning of the school year's teachers' meeting and was introduced to all of the schoolteachers. Later that day, LCC donated 18 baskets of school supplies (one for each teacher at the school). LCC will have the opportunity to be present at the school's Open House on the 21<sup>st</sup> and to meet the families of the students. Pray for opportunities to cultivate relationships and share the Gospel.

## **Source of Light Ministries**

- Please refer to the document below (copy and paste the link), "Changepoints," for updates on what God is doing through the ministry of Source of Light!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qZwJhusH4ddpQpjP3rdiW2aP-1RuhQ7qq-sTVtdHQ I/edit?usp=sharing

#### **FCA**

- As the ministry of FCA continues to grow in our 5-county area, pray for more people willing to Pray, Serve, and Give toward their efforts!
- Lake Country FCA Power Camp will take place October 11-13 in Greene Co. Please be in prayer for this camp.

- Morgan County Fields of Faith will be Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please pray and mark your calendar to attend.

### **Timothy Initiative**

- TTI is an organization whose mission is to plant churches in countries all over the globe, to train native pastors to plant these churches, and to instill in them a Biblical desire to make disciples who make disciples.
- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.
- In particular, pray for the East Africa region of TTI's international ministry. Jake had the opportunity to see firsthand the work that God is doing in Turkana, Kenya, a semi-arid region with widespread poverty and very little access to clean drinking water. In spite of all the obstacles they have faced, through God's grace, Turkana has seen hundreds of microchurches planted and over 19,000 believers come to faith in Christ. Pray for their continued discipleship and for the continued evangelization of nearly a million people in the county.
- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!