

July 2026 fast

Worship & Prayer areas of focus

- As you fast, these things listed are some of the key areas of prayer for us as a church, to focus on together in unity.
- For this fast, we'll be staying with liquids (no steaks in a blender!)
- We'll break the fast Thursday night at homegroup with some prayer together, sharing what God has said during the fast and then we'll break bread.

“He must become greater; I must become less.” John 3:30 NIV

- Minister to Him!
 - Simply worship-both known songs and songs from your heart
 - Give thanks
 - Repent of anything separating you from Him
 - Spend time in this place!

Acts 13:2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

- Still and quiet time before God
 - Listen to hear God's direction for our lives individually
 - What is God's will and how does my life fit into it?
 - What has God called you to?
 - What are His plans, adjusting your life, your decisions, the season(s) ahead?
 - What do I need to give over to God that's holding me back?
 - Listen to hear God's direction for the church-prophetic words, scriptures

- What is God's Will and how does Equipped church fit into it?
- How do we see more people saved?
- How are we to impact this city/region/state/nation/nations?

Acts 4:29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

- Boldness in us to preach and share the Gospel!
 - 'Divine Appointments'- opportunities to share our faith with people at a key time in their lives
 - Overcoming rejection of sharing our faith
 - Having Jesus' heart for the lost, so we can't help but share the Good News
 - Favor to gain an audience with key people for the work of the Gospel!
- Pray for Miracles, signs and wonders
 - The Holy Spirit moving powerfully, however He desires-we need Him!
 - Healings, deliverances
 - See people saved!
 - People coming to encounter Jesus in all that we do-every meeting, get together and in our daily lives
 - Everywhere we go miracles, not just church gatherings

John 17:14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world,

even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

- The Church would truly represent Christ well! (Both our church and the church at large)
 - The leadership and the body would follow God's Will and ways
 - No compromising the truth!
 - Purity and Holiness in all we do
 - Ministers of God's Word and not the world's ways
 - Everyone equipped and mature, ministering in our sphere of influence
 - Protection from the enemy
 - Kingdom impact on the world around us
 - Growing in our reliance upon the Holy Spirit
 - 24/7 Followers of Jesus
- Unity in the church in our region/working together
 - Church awakening to our need for each other- opportunities to pray together, minister together, reach the lost together with the churches all around us
 - Churches planted in every state/every major city, village, community in the US (Through our NCMI partnerships)- getting the Gospel out to the nations

Personal prayer focus:

- Considering what God has been saying, what we believe His will is.
- Pray for personal things you're facing/fighting/trusting God for

- Health
- Finances
- Faith
- Relationships
- Workplace
- neighborhood/neighbors
- God's Will and how my life fits into it

Corporate prayer focus:

- Considering what God has been saying, what we believe His will is.
- Pray and fast for everyone in the life of Equipped Church
 - Health
 - Finances
 - Faith
 - Marriages
 - Kids
 - Wisdom
 - Blessings/Encouragement
 - The leadership to be wise, hear God and lead in a way that pleases God above all else
- Building/space of our own for Equipped Church
 - The ability to become a resource, a base for the work God is doing in this region
- Doors of opportunity to get involved in our communities/region/state/nation
 - How can we make a bigger difference with what God has called us to?
- Seeing God given growth:
 - Each of us growing and healthy in our faith

- See more people being added to the life of the church through salvation and by God moving their hearts here