



INTO PRAYER

What is one way that others could pray for you this week? Who can you share this with?

If you are in a Community Group, write down how you can pray for others in the group. (If not, ask a friend how you can pray for them.)

WEEKLY TAKE-HOME Bible Study

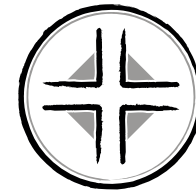
WEEK OF SEP 24

HOW THIS WORKS

This Bible study is a weekly tool intended to help you reflect on what God says in the Bible.

We invite you to take a few unhurried moments this week to reflect on the included passages, answer a few questions (inside), and note how these verses encourage you to pray (back).

We hope you enjoy drawing near to God through His Word (Heb. 11:6) while also preparing for Community Group.



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THE CHURCH & THE SURPRISING OFFENSE OF GOD'S LOVE

"God's love for His Church is so profound that He will not tolerate spiritual harm to them."

TITUS 1:10–16

For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth. To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

ACTS 20:17, 26–31

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him..."Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears."

SEE ALSO **1 TIMOTHY 5:20** AND **TITUS 3:8–11**



INTO THE WORD

What sticks out to you in this text? What ideas or questions come to mind?

What do these verses communicate about Jesus and the gospel?



INTO MY LIFE

How is God moving you to apply these verses?
How can they impact your week?



INTO THE WORLD

How do these verses help you pray for, serve, or reach out to your community this week?