

## 2025 PRAYER FOCUS: HIS STORY

**“They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world” (John 17:16-18).**

As we continue to look ahead to the 2025 National Conference that will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, we embrace the theme of “This is my Story.”

A part of our story is that we live in two worlds. We are in this world and yet we are not of this world. Our story is incredibly important for those who are of this world—who have no idea what it is to walk with Jesus and live in the reality of a different world. In Jesus’ prayer in John 17, He asks the Father to sanctify his followers with His truth. He then said, “As you sent Me into the World, I also have sent them.” We, who live in a different world, are sent into this world just as Jesus was sent into this world. Jesus left the glory of heaven to enter this world. We delay our entry into heaven to be in this world for the sake of those who do not yet know Jesus.

### JULY PRAYER FOCUS — LIVING AS DISCIPLES IN A SECULAR WORLD

It is easy for us to be comfortable in our churches and small groups and neighborhoods, but what does it look like for us to be disciples in a secular world—outside the church, outside our small group? Some have asked if we are willing to pay the price to live as disciples. After all, Jesus told His followers to count the cost. On the other hand, what is the cost of not living as disciples? Could it be that there is a far greater cost to us and to the Kingdom if we do not grasp what it means to live as disciples in this secular, polarized, conflicted world. It is the kind of world in which the Church was birthed. The early church was not of the world, but very much a part of the world, and by being in the world, they changed the world. Living as disciples of Jesus is living as true world-changers.

#### PRAY FOR THESE KEY EVENTS THIS MONTH:

- SHIFT National Conference—July 7 - 10
- North Central Region
  - Family Camp—July 13 - 19
- Michigan Region
  - Mancelona Camp—July 20 - 26
  - Brown City Camp—July 31 - August 10
- Great Plains Region
  - Family Camp—July 28 - August 2

### WEEK #1 – July 1-7

This week as we pray for the leaders of the Missionary Church, take time to praise the Lord that we have leaders who continually strive to love like Jesus and live like missionaries in this secular culture.

Pray for Rodney and all the members of the MOC/GOC, that their love for lost people and their desire to see them come to faith in Christ will never be diminished by the demands of leading an organization.

Pray that as they love and live like Jesus, their example will impact the culture of the church, so that people across the country who encounter people from the Missionary Church will take note of how we love like Jesus and live like missionaries.

Allow the Holy Spirit to use the following Scriptures and prayers to inform your prayers for our national leaders. Allow the Spirit to lead you. Your prayers matter more than you will ever realize.

### **Tuesday, July 1**

“So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you shall surely die!’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul” (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

**PRAYER:** Father in heaven, we recognize that we live in a world that is increasingly secular, and that some of that secular thinking frequently creeps into the church. We praise you for the leaders of the Missionary Church who are faithful watchmen, who continually look at our practices in light of your Word and continue to call the church back to your Word. We pray you will continue to raise up watchmen for the church until we see an awakening sweep across the country.

### **Wednesday, July 2**

“Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, were afflicted. Their soul abhorred all manner of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions” (Psalm 107:17-20).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we see people all around us who are afflicted in one way or another because of their own sinfulness. Their lives are broken and messy. You have placed us in this world to urge people to cry out to you so that you might save them. Thank you for leaders who continue to challenge the church not to withdraw from these broken people, but to build relationships with them—so that we can love them like Jesus and engage them like missionaries. Continue to give our leaders a clear vision of how to engage this culture.

### **Thursday, July 3**

“They set up kings, but not by Me; they made princes, but I did not acknowledge them. From their silver and gold they made idols for themselves—that they might be cut off” (Hosea 8:4).

**PRAYER:** We praise you that you are King of kings and Lord of lords. There is none beside you. Forgive us for putting our trust in kings instead of in you. Forgive us for setting up idols and bowing before them. We acknowledge that our nation has sought to serve other kings and we have set up

idols of many kinds. Forgive us. We praise you for leaders in the Missionary Church who not only acknowledge you, but also worship and serve you. We pray for our leaders, that you will guard their hearts from any form of idolatry. We pray the culture will not impact them, but that you will use them to impact the culture.

#### **Friday, July 4**

“Thus says the LORD: ‘For three transgressions . . . and for four, I will not turn away its punishment. . .’” (Amos 1:3).

**PRAYER:** Father in heaven, we praise you because you are a holy God. You are good, just, and righteous in all your ways. Thank you for the reminder that you take sin very seriously. We pray for our leaders, that you will guard their hearts. We pray you will give them the grace and strength to flee any form of temptation. We pray you will lead them to continually pursue holiness in all they do. We pray their godly leadership will be a beacon in a world filled with brokenness and darkness.

#### **Saturday, July 5**

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness” (Romans 1:18).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that you are the God of truth and the God of righteousness. We praise you for the cross and for the price paid for our sins. We recognize in the cross your wrath against ungodliness. We praise you for our leaders who recognize the significance of the cross and who have a heart to see communities and nations transformed by the power of Jesus. We pray you will give our leaders courage to boldly proclaim your word and to lead our churches to take bold stands for the Gospel. Protect your church from the lies of the enemy and from the influence of an ungodly culture.

#### **Sunday, July 6**

“Furthermore, He said to me, ‘Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations that the house of Israel commits here, to make Me go far away from My sanctuary? Now turn again, you will see greater abominations’” (Ezekiel 8:6).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that you expose sin—personal sins, corporate sins, and national sins. Forgive us for our sins against you. Forgive the nation for the sins we have committed—for the exploitation of women and children; for the killing of the innocent; for making a mockery of how you have created us as male and female. We pray you will awaken this country to the truth. We pray you will equip our leaders to navigate these times—to lead the church to know where to stand and how to be a light in this world.

#### **Monday, July 7**

“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and

God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them” (Ephesians 5:1-7).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for leaders who strive to imitate Jesus—for leaders who walk in love and who offer themselves as living sacrifices. We praise you for a leadership culture in the Missionary Church that continues to call the church to be lives that reflect the character of Jesus. We pray that you will guard the hearts of every one of our leaders from anything that is not fitting for saints. Keep their hearts pure.

## **WEEK #2 – July 8-14**

This week, we encourage you to pray for Bethel University—for Dr. McDonald, who has been chosen as the next president of Bethel University. Pray for the cabinet and staff, that God will grant them opportunities to invest in the lives of students, so that they might walk as Jesus walked.

Pray for students who are new to the journey with Jesus. Pray that God will put people in their lives who will help them grow deeper in their walk with Jesus, so that they can live as disciples in this secular world. Pray that God will give them an appetite to know Him better.

Pray that the focus on making disciples will continue to be clear. Pray for Dr. McDonald, that he will be able to partner with the Missionary Church to make disciples of this next generation who know how to live for Him in this challenging culture.

Allow the Holy Spirit to use the following Scriptures and prayers to inform your prayers for Bethel University. Your prayers matter more than you will ever realize.

### **Tuesday, July 8**

“Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: ‘For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles and sing to Your name’” (Romans 15:7-9).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that you receive us—that as we come to you in faith, you receive us. We praise you for your grace and mercy. We pray for students at Bethel, that they will receive one another so that they can build up one another in the faith. We also pray that you will strengthen these young men and women so that they can engage a secular world with their story of walking with you. We pray you will lead them to be in the world but not of the world.

### **Wednesday, July 9**

“For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts” (Haggai 2:6-7).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for the many accounts of revival through the centuries. We praise you that even in the darkest days, you are still at work. We praise you for the stories of revival that have taken place on university campuses across the country. We praise you that you have brought awakening to many universities. We pray that even this summer you will begin to prepare the hearts of Bethel students for revival. We pray especially for those students who are not walking with you, that you will call them out of darkness into your light. We pray for the leaders of Bethel, that you will lead them to “set the table” to give students opportunities to know you and discover how to walk with you when there are so many voices calling them in other directions.

#### **Thursday, July 10**

“‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself’” (Luke 10:27).

**PRAYER:** Father in heaven, we pray for the students at Bethel. We know that if they are to live as disciples in this culture, they need to be established in their relationship with you. We pray they will truly love you with all their heart, soul, strength and mind. We know that as they love you, they will have the grace to love others. We pray for a culture at Bethel of strong relationships that provide a safe place to grow in Christ, and a place that will help students learn to love those who are not walking with you.

#### **Friday, July 11**

“Therefore, I exhort first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

**PRAYER:** Father, we pray that you will create a culture of prayer at Bethel. We pray that students will learn to pray for one another and that they will learn to pray for those who are lost. We pray that instead of fighting the secular culture or running from it, they will intercede for it. Break their hearts for lost people. Put people in their lives who need to know you and then start them praying. Show them the power of prayer to change a person’s life.

#### **Saturday, July 12**

“I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting” (1 Timothy 2:8).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you that you are always available—that access to your throne is always open. We pray for students, that they will learn very early in their walk with you that you are always available. We pray they will learn that prayer is not an obligation but a privilege, and that it is the means to a deeper walk with you. We pray they will recognize that the place of prayer will equip them to navigate a secular world and walk as disciples of Jesus.

#### **Sunday, July 13**

“But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish?” (Jonah 3:8-9).

**PRAYER:** We praise you that you are a God of grace and mercy—that you hear us when we pray and when we seek your forgiveness. Lord, today we pray for those students who have come to Bethel

because it was close or because of a scholarship, but who have no knowledge of you and perhaps have come with a bit of reserve about being at this Christian university. We pray that as you bring revival to the campus, these students will be awakened to their own sinfulness. Surround them with students who have a solid faith. We pray those students will love like Jesus and live as disciples, so that the students who do not know you will be drawn into relationship with you.

### **Monday, July 14**

“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of many cities; The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, “Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, and seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also”’” (Zechariah 8:20-21).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for those great moves of your Spirit when cities and nations have turned to you and have told your story from city to city. Forgive us for not recognizing those great moves of your Spirit. Forgive us, as a Church, for the times we have been fearful of those moves of your Spirit. Stir the hearts of this next generation of students at Bethel. Give them a vision and a faith that the world can be changed through the power of intercession. Raise up intercessors at Bethel— men and women who will cry out for the nations.

## **WEEK #3 – July 15-21**

The focus for this week is praying for pastors. Praise the Lord for pastors who are committed to walking as Jesus walked— living as disciples in a secular world. Praise the Lord for his call on their lives.

Pray for these leaders, that God will encourage them daily as they give leadership to the church and to the community. Pray they will not become weary. Pray the Lord will surround them with wise counselors and with men and women who will hold them up in prayer. Pray that God will use them to lead their church to live faithfully as disciples in this ever-changing culture.

Pray for protection from the enemy as they focus personally on following Jesus and leading others to do the same. Pray that the leadership of each church will also be committed to living as disciples of Jesus.

### **Tuesday, July 15**

“And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace, you will have peace” (Jeremiah 29:7).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you that our citizenship is in heaven—that this world is not our home. However, we recognize that you have placed us here so that we might impact the world for you. We pray for our pastors, that you will teach them to intercede on behalf of the community where they live. Remind them that you have not just called them to a church, but to a community. We pray you will equip them to teach the church to walk carefully as disciples in the community, so that the community might see Jesus.

### **Wednesday, July 16**

“The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance” (Psalm 33:10-12).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you that you rule the nations. Kings can make plans, but you can make them have no effect. We pray you will guard the hearts and minds of our pastors. Keep them from adopting the ways of the culture to build the church. Remind them that You will build your church. We pray that as they live as disciples of Jesus in their respective communities and among the leaders of those communities, you will use them to impact the culture of the city.

### **Thursday, July 17**

“Then Joshua said to the children of Israel: ‘How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers has given you?’” (Joshua 18:3).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that you have given us a mission—to make disciples of all nations. While Israel was assigned the task of displacing nations, you have given us the task of reaching the nations. Forgive us for the times we have been so inwardly focused we were barely aware of the needs around us. Open the eyes of our pastors and leaders to see the cities as you see them. We are reminded that Caleb once said, “Give me that mountain.” We pray the heart of each of our pastors will be, “Give me this city.”

### **Friday, July 18**

“Now the men were about twelve in all. . . . So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed” (Acts 19:7, 20).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for this account of the work of your Spirit in Ephesus—for the reminder that even though there is an enemy at work, you are greater. We praise you for the reminder that you can work in our communities even when the enemy resists. Forgive us for quitting when the going gets tough. We pray that you will help each of our pastors see where you are working. We pray you will empower us with your Spirit so that we might see the work of the Lord grow mightily in each city.

### **Saturday, July 19**

“But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, ‘These who have turned the world upside down have come here too’” (Acts 17:5-6).

**PRAYER:** Father in heaven, we praise you for pastors who are turning their world upside down because they are living as disciples of Jesus in this very secular culture. We praise you that because they have radically different values and lifestyles, the world notices. We pray you will encourage every pastor to continue walking as Jesus walked—living as a disciple and making disciples. Give them courage to stand against the critics—those outside the church and those inside. Guard their hearts so that they remain true to your calling.

### **Sunday, July 20**

“Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!” (John 4:35).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you that you desire that all men come to a saving knowledge of Jesus. We praise you that Jesus was regularly reaching out to those who were lost—outcasts. Forgive us for becoming comfortable in our padded chairs/pews, sitting next to friends and giving little thought to those who do not yet know you. We pray for our pastors, that they will never be satisfied with the number of people in the pew, but will always be concerned for those who are lost. Give each pastor a fresh view of the harvest

### **Monday July 21**

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak” (Colossians 4:2-4).

**PRAYER:** Father in heaven, we praise you for the privilege of prayer. We praise you for the assurance that you hear and answer prayer. We pray that you will raise up intercessors for every pastor in the denomination—men and women who will pray for you to open doors for the ministry of the word and who will pray that every pastor will be able to speak the mystery of Christ as they ought. We pray that you will anoint every pastor to boldly proclaim your word.

## **WEEK #4 – July 22-28**

As we continue our focus on living as disciples of Jesus, we want to pray for each local church, that there would be a broader commitment to living more and more like Jesus so that we can have a greater impact on this secular culture. We praise the Lord for our churches that intentionally engage the culture and that God is using to see lives changed.

Pray that every Missionary Church will pursue a lifestyle of radical disciples. Pray that there will be a growing number of believers in our churches who intentionally build relationships with the unchurched, so that they might show them the love of Christ and introduce them to His power to heal broken lives, messed up marriages, and rebellious hearts.

### **Tuesday, July 22**

“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus” (Acts 4:29-30).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you that you delight in working through your people in the marketplace. You know that some of the people in our churches work in environments that are very hostile to the Christian faith. They are mocked, overlooked for promotions, and in other ways marginalized. You know that your people are sometimes discouraged because of their environment. We pray for our people—that you would encourage them, that you will give them the boldness they need to stand firm in their faith, and that you would open doors for them to change the culture of the workplace.



### **Wednesday, July 23**

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His.

And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding" (Daniel 2:20-21).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that you are a God of wisdom and might. We praise you that, like Daniel, you often place us in challenging places in order that the world may know you are God. Forgive us for complaining about our circumstances and failing to seek your wisdom and counsel so that your name might be lifted up. We pray for Missionary Church people who are working in those places where you are not honored. Protect them. We pray, too, that you will prompt them to seek your guidance for how to minister in their workplace.

### **Thursday, July 24**

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for the promise of forgiveness and healing. Father, where there are churches not living in obedience to you, we pray you will bring them to a point of repentance. We pray for an awakening of those churches that have fallen into a deep slumber. We pray for revival of those churches that have allowed sinful behavior to persist among members and leaders. Cleanse every church so that we can have a greater impact on our world.

### **Friday, July 25**

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

**PRAYER:** We praise you, Lord, that you are a righteous God, that you call us to righteousness, and that through Christ we are made righteous. We pray you will forgive us for any compromises we may have made in order to accommodate a secular world. Lead your church to be a reflection of you, so that the world will know what following Jesus looks like. Transform each of our churches into communities of believers that attract pre-Christians and offer them the love and grace of Jesus. As righteousness exalts a nation, so it exalts a church.

### **Saturday, July 26**

"Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves" (Romans 13:1-2).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for those you have put in leadership. We praise you that all authority is in you. Forgive us for being critical instead of interceding. We pray against any spirit of rebellion in any of our churches. We pray that as disciples of Jesus, we will seek to preserve the unity of the body of Christ and seek to work with those you have put in leadership. We pray that you will give your people wisdom and grace to work through differences as an example to the world.

### **Sunday, July 27**

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you that you have made your Church into a royal priesthood—your own special people. Forgive us for not resembling you—for taking on the appearance of the world around us. We pray for an awakening in each of our churches to our true identity. Move us to proclaim your praises to those around us, so that you might call them out of their darkness into your marvelous light—so that they, too, can be a part of your chosen generation, your royal priesthood, a holy nation—your own special people. Remind us of who we are.

### **Monday, July 28**

“All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world’” (Matthew 25:32-34).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that there is coming a day when you will gather all nations before you and you will tell your sheep, “Come, inherit the kingdom prepared for you.” We praise you for that hope. Forgive us for losing sight of eternity—for becoming so focused on the sickness of our world that we forget how temporary it is. Break our hearts for those who do not have this hope. Open doors for us to give a reason for the hope we have in Jesus.

### **OUR PERSONAL WALK**

In these last three days of the month, we focus on our personal work with Jesus. Are we willing to consider what it means to live a radical life for Jesus? Are we willing to fully embrace a Jesus-life that is full of compassion, humility, justice, and mercy?

As you reflect on this theme of living as a disciple in a secular world, allow the Lord to open your eyes to see the impact your life can have on others. Your greatest impact may not be in what you say, but in who you are.

### **Tuesday, July 29**

“For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God” (John 16:27).

**PRAYER:** We praise you for your love for us. While it is sometimes hard to comprehend that the God of all creation loves us, we believe it to be true because of your Word. Remind us of your love in those days of discouragement. Draw us deeper into this love relationship with you, so that we are continually transformed. Teach us to love you more so that our love for others will increase. Teach us to love like Jesus.

### **Wednesday, July 30**

“The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow Me.’” (John 1:43).

**PRAYER:** We praise you, Lord, that the invitation you gave to Philip you have also given to us. We praise you that being a disciple is as simple as following you. We recognize that following you requires choices—choices that seem crazy to those who don’t know you, and yet they reflect the life of a disciple. Forgive us for the times we have made choices that were not a reflection of who you are, but rather a reflection of our own self-interests. Help us step away from personal passions

to follow you fully, so that we might know the fullness of the blessings of walking with you—and from that fullness be able to share with those who do not yet know you.

### **Thursday, July 31**

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me” (John 10:27).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for being our Shepherd. We praise you for your voice that calls us, comforts us, and commands us. We confess that we have not always listened to your voice. We pray you will continue to speak to us. Call to us so that we can follow you. Help us distinguish your voice from all the noise that surrounds us. We pray that you will help us follow you so faithfully that others will desire to follow as well.

## **BEFORE WE LEAVE**

WHERE ARE YOU IN THE MATTER OF LIVING AS A DISCIPLE IN A SECULAR WORLD?

- Do you find yourself trying to look more like Jesus or more like those around you?
- Do you live in your own form of isolation—keeping yourself from the world?
- Are you listening to the promptings of the Spirit?
- Are you seeing doors open for you to give a reason for the hope you have in Jesus?