



# STUDY GUIDE

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### [start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:  
Don Sallow—Church Planter of Refuge Church

### [set up]

Share one work of restoration/transformation/new life that Christ has done in your life.

### [digging deeper]

This last weekend Pastor Chad shared from Isaiah 61:1-4. Open and read/re-read it for this time.

Who is the “me” seen in verses 1-3? How do you know that? (Huge clue in Luke 4:16-21.)

Write down the five areas of restoration and transformation mentioned here.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Which work of restoration/transformation do you relate to most in your life and why?

Read Isaiah 1:28-31. What condition are these people in and who are they? What are some of the major differences between them and those referenced in Isaiah 61:3-4?

Pastor Chad also tied the imagery and identity of those in Isaiah 61:3-4 to the church and to CVC specifically. How have you seen our CVC family be like oaks of righteousness planted by the Lord for His glory in Northeast Ohio and around the world?

What excites you about the potential and the intent of our church to plant even more “groves” of plantings of the Lord all over Northeast Ohio through LifeHouses, LifeGroups, and campuses?

Tying in to the last seven weeks of teaching, we also heard a few of the areas that CVC leadership felt Jesus would give us affirmations (a thumb’s up) and criticisms (a thumb’s down). On a large Post it note, draw two columns. If you can remember the top three affirmations and criticisms, write them down. Now brainstorm other areas you feel we might get a thumb’s up or thumb’s down from Jesus as a church.

It was shared Sunday that we need to significantly increase in *the* most important component to continuing to fulfill God’s call for us as a church—to be effective in reaching more people for Christ—and to capture 1,000 stories of new life in Christ through baptisms in the next 10 years. The most important thing is PRAYER.

On this sliding scale, where would you put yourself in your personal prayer life? How about your LifeGroup? How about our church as a whole? Discuss why you answered the way you did.

1=Weak prayer (self-reliance)

7=Strong Prayer (God-dependence)

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

## **[living it out]**

Although there are many verses on prayer, read Ephesians 6:18. What does this verse say? What thoughts or feelings does it produce in you? Use this verse as a guide as you close your time in prayer.

## **[end with prayer]**

Please add these prayer targets to your prayer time:

- 1- That the Lord will give CVC leaders heavenly wisdom as they pray and seek Him for direction.
- 2- That God will move in the hearts of our church family to greatly increase in prayer individually and as a church community.
- 3- That CVC will see a great increase in those who respond to the invitation to follow Christ and demonstrate the seriousness of their conversion to Christ through baptism.
- 4- Pray over our goal of seeing and hearing 1,000 stories of new life in Christ captured through baptism in the next 10 years.
- 5- Pray that our homes as LifeHouses, our LifeGroups rooted in our communities, and our future campuses will truly be oaks of righteousness... plantings of the Lord... for His glory!

Other upcoming applications:

- 4-week prayer series starts Sunday, March 4. Commit to attend every week.
- Mark down our week of evening prayer, AKA "Seek Week" March 12-16 and commit to being there as many nights as possible for prayer.
- Begin praying during Sunday morning services in the prayer room.
- Fill out your card with the names of 5 people who you hope will come to Christ (fill one out to keep and one to put in prayer room).

*"Pray because Christ died to give us access to the Father. Pray because God is worthy of our praise. Pray because we need His forgiveness, cleansing, guidance, and protection. Pray because others need our prayers."* – Billy Graham