



THE SUMMER OF LOVE

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. This is the first and the greatest commandment; and a second is like it —love your neighbor as yourself.”

June 7 - 10: “Love the Lord Your God”

Put together a thorough prayer list

Establish a radius around your home (you choose how large), and each day (or as often as possible) take a prayer walk around it, praying that God would open hearts in homes and apartments around

you.

June 11-17: Cookie Week

On Monday, deliver cookies (or whatever) to a neighbor or neighbors

On Thursday, deliver cookies (or whatever) to another neighbor

Invite 3 people to church

June 18-24: Hospitality Week

Have a great House Church Meeting!

Have a neighbor over for a meal

June 25-July 1: Compassion Week

Have two quiet times on the subject of compassion (outlines to be provided)

Focus on showing random acts of compassion this week

Invite a neighbor to your July 4th celebration

July 2—8: More Hospitality Week

Have a neighbor over for July 4th

Invite someone to study the Bible with you

July 9 - 15 - “Truth or Dare Week”

Truth- share with your delta group or another disciple how you have been doing in your evangelism

Dare- Set an evangelism goal that stretches you, and go after it (focus: Night of Worship & Prayer).

July 16 - 22 — Love Your Neighbor Week

Find a way to serve someone in your neighborhood or apartment building

Confirm with your friends for the Night of Worship & Prayer (July 22)

July 23-29 - Love the Poor week

Focused Quiet Times (to be provided)

Participate in a HOPE Service Event

July 30-August 5 - Random Acts of Kindness Week

Invite a friend out for dinner or a coffee

Drop a gift to a friend, cook a meal for someone, write a card, etc.

August 6 - August 12

Invite 5 friends to the Outdoor Service (part three)

August 13th - Celebrate!

Biblical Principles of Intercessory Prayer

How do we pray for Seekers?

Jesus addresses this for us when he talks about the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit in John 16.

“When he comes, he will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and the judgment to come...”

We should pray that our friends would be open to the Spirit's leading and the conviction brought on by the Spirit's sword. As we study with people, we can be even more specific as we pray for people on the basis of what they are learning in the scriptures at each particular stage. For example...

- **After the Word Study:** that God would move your friend to “look intently” into the scriptures, to be a Berean, and to be open to the Spirit's leading
- **After Sin & the Cross:** that the Spirit would be unleashed in your friend's life to convict him in regard to sin, righteousness, and judgement.

How do we pray for the Saints?

Paul models for us how to pray for one another by sharing his prayer focus in the letters that he writes to disciples all over Asia Minor.

Ephesians 1:15-19

- Gratitude
- For God to give disciples a spirit of wisdom and revelation, to know Him better.
- For the eyes of our heart to be enlightened, in order that we may
 - Know the Hope of Heaven
 - Understand the Riches that are ours through Christian Relationships (and to understand that God considers us to be His greatest treasure and most longed-for inheritance)
 - Know the power of the resurrection

Ephesians 3:14-19

- For power through the Spirit of God within us
- For the ability to grasp the dimensions of Christ's love
- To know a love that is, by definition, un-knowable.
- That we can be filled with all the fullness of God.

Philippians 1:9-11

- For our love to abound more and more
- For supernatural discernment
- For purity, blamelessness, and all the fruits of the Spirit

Midweek

Great News Sharing / Missions Update

- **At MIT**, the 3 Indiana guys are doing a great job (they had to reach out to 100 people yesterday). Very encouraged to see their growth. We have five guys that are studying this week right now in Bloomington.
- **Ft. Wayne Update:** Stephen & Kristen Van Bueren / Purdue Update (Ann Wang,
- **Missions Collection**

NUTTIN' BUT LOVE

Galatians 5:6 - Our ultimate destiny is love – we were created to love and be loved. Our greatest fulfillment in this life is to love, and the fulfillment of our eternal destiny is wrapped up in love.

Romans 12:9 – Love must be sincere

1 Corinthians 13 – If we don't have love, we have nothing...

Ephesians 3:17-18 - We are called to be rooted and established in love, and to grasp a love that surpasses knowledge— the key to being filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 5:1-2 – Being like Christ = living a life of love.

Phil 1:9 - Paul's prayer is that our love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight...

1 Thess 1:3 – Our labor is prompted by love

2 Tim 1:7 – God's Spirit gives us a supernatural ability to love

1 Peter 2:17 – We are called to love the brotherhood of believers

1 Peter 4:8 – We are challenged to love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Love Your Neighbor – Read Gal 5:13

- The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."
- **Quality Time** – it doesn't have to be a lot of time. We need to slow down, involve ourselves in the lives of our neighbors. Have that conversation in your driveway; go out for coffee, for breakfast; show your concern for the things that they are going through... but if you don't have conversations, then you'll really never know what people are going through.
- **Gifts / Acts of Service** – love is hospitable. Our homes should be an open door. Mealtimes are opportunities for service, for fellowship, for encouragement. **Read Hebrews 13:1-3**
- **Words of Affirmation** – if we appreciate something, we need to give voice to it. To your friends both inside and outside the church – find something positive; encourage them. This may be the only positive thing that they hear in a given week!

Walk through the "Summer of Love" calendar