

RAISE THE MARK

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WELCOME TO RAISE THE MARK

Please introduce yourself to those with whom you will be praying and briefly share something you would like to pray about with them in your time together.

CELEBRATION & PRAISE

Praise the Lord, for it is good to sing praises to our God! Yes, praise is pleasant and appropriate! The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted, and bandages their wounds. He counts the number of the stars; He names all of them. Our Lord is great and has awesome power; there is no limit to His wisdom. PSALM 147:1-5

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is an eternal God, the creator of the whole earth. He does not get tired or weary; there is no limit to His wisdom. He gives strength to those who are tired; to the ones who lack power, He gives renewed energy. Even youths get tired and weary; even strong young men clumsily stumble. But those who wait for the Lord's help find renewed strength; they rise up as if they had eagles' wings, they run without growing weary, they walk without getting tired. ISAIAH 40:28-31

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how fathomless His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor? Or who has first given to God, that God needs to repay him? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever! Amen. ROMANS 11:33-36

- Praise God for specific ways you have experienced and seen His power.
- Praise God for ways He is sustaining you through difficulties.
- Praise God for ways you have seen His wisdom.
- Acknowledge ways your mind is set on things of this world and not things above.
- Praise God that He knows everything about us and our circumstances.
- Praise God that He loves us the way we are but too much to leave us that way.

REFLECTION

But the things God foretold long ago through all the prophets—that His Christ would suffer—He has fulfilled in this way. Therefore repent and turn back so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and so that He may send the Messiah appointed for you—that is, Jesus.

ACTS 3:18-20

- Acknowledge and confess ways you are walking in immorality, worldly passion, selfishness or greed.
- Acknowledge things God is exposing in your life that you need to allow Him to transform.
- Confess and commit to alter ways you are lazy in your commitment to follow Christ.

COMMUNION

PRAYING FOR YOU AND OTHERS

They were devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Reverential awe came over everyone, and many wonders and miraculous signs came about by the apostles. All who believed were together and held everything in common, and they began selling their property and possessions and distributing the proceeds to everyone, as anyone had need. Every day they continued to gather together by common consent in the temple courts, breaking bread from house to house, sharing their food with glad and humble hearts, praising God and having the good will of all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number every day those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:42-47

These Jews were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they eagerly received the message, examining the scriptures carefully every day to see if these things were so. ACTS 17:11

- Pray that we would be people that fully avail ourselves to biblical community.
- Pray that we would be people committed to God's Word.
- Pray that we would be faithful and joyful in how we steward the resources God has entrusted to us.
- Pray for compassion and sensitivity to the people God puts in your midst that don't know Him.
- Pray for believers all over the world experiencing war and persecution.
- Pray for friends, family and those in our body with needs of which you are aware (marriages, jobs, health, family issues, etc.).

DECLARATION & SHARING

(FAMILY TIME)

The group of those who believed were of one heart and mind, and no one said that any of his possessions was his own, but everything was held in common. With great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was on them all. ACTS 4:32-33

Watch out for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that He obtained with the blood of his own Son. ACTS 20:28

- Share specific ways you are struggling or praising God because of victory.
- Share and celebrate specific ways Christ is working in and through your life.