

Cry Out



For
Indiana North District
Senior High Camp

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call a solemn assembly.
Gather the elders
and all the inhabitants
of the land
to the house of the Lord your God,
and cry out to the Lord.”*

Joel 1:14

Note to the Reader

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Introduction

After being asked to speak at District senior high camp, I began asking God, "What do you want me to say at this camp?" In response, the Spirit laid this year's camp theme on my heart:

"AWAKENING."

So many American Christians live in a slumber of complacency – not fully *surrendering* to Jesus or fully *devoted* to Him. We go through the motions, go to church, but so often remain unchanged. We are asleep.

The Holy Spirit desires to bring an awakening - an awakening of the souls in our District. Jesus Christ desires that His Church in our District would be awakened to His heart, His passion, His love. We need an awakening.

I believe God will awaken us if we pray, fast, and repent. We are taking the next 40 days before camp to ask God for revival, to make ourselves available to Him through fasting, and to examine our lives for any sin.

Would you join me in this? Would you join prayer warriors throughout Indiana in asking God to send spiritual awakening upon senior high camp?

Crying out with you,

-Garrett Howell

Senior High Camp Speaker

May 15

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Verse:

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Joel 1:14

Worship:

Sing "I Exalt Thee."

Prayer:

Take a few minutes to cry out to God for senior high camp. Plead with and petition Him to come in a powerful way, and to send an outpouring of His Spirit.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

Thank God for all you are about to see Him do through your prayers over the next 40 days. Praise Him *in advance* for the great things He will do at senior high camp and through the journey of praying for it.

May 16

Cut to the Heart

Verse:

"When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'" Acts 2:37

Worship:

Sit in silence for a few minutes. Acknowledge God's sovereignty through silence.

Prayer:

Pray for people to be cut to the heart by the word of God at senior high camp. Pray that the spoken word would slice through their spiritual defenses, piercing their souls and moving their hearts to obedience.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

I remember preaching about the promise of the Holy Spirit at an Indiana Wesleyan University chapel. When I finished, students throughout the auditorium knelt down, stood up, or came forward in response. Hearts were pierced by the word of God that day, and people were moved to respond.

May 17

Soft Hearts

Verse:

"Sow righteousness for yourselves,
reap the fruit of unfailing love,
and break up your unplowed ground;
for it is time to seek the Lord,
until he comes
and showers his righteousness on you."

Hosea 10:12

Worship:

Thank God for five things He's done in the past week.

Prayer:

Ask God to soften the hearts of those who will attend senior high camp. Pray that their "unplowed ground" would be broken up, in preparation for the seed of God's Word and the outpouring of His righteousness.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

Before leading a spiritual retreat for college students, our leadership team gathered together to pray for soft hearts in those who would come. That weekend, we saw repentance from sin, commitment to self-denial, and many hearts refreshed in the Lord. God had answered our prayer!

May 18

Godly Sorrow

Verse:

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.” 2 Corinthians 7:10

Worship:

Read Isaiah 6:1-8. Reflect on the holiness of God.

Prayer:

Ask God to grant the gift of godly sorrow to those who come to senior high camp. Plead that He might grant them His heart for their sin.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

My junior year of high school, I was pursuing a dating relationship with a young woman who was clearly outside of God’s will for my life. The Holy Spirit convicted me deeply one night on my way to see her. In the midst of conviction, He poured out godly sorrow upon me. I felt deep sadness and sorrow over my sin, experiencing the grief of the Spirit. That night, I surrendered my life fully to the Lord. The memory of that sorrow continues to teach me to walk uprightly. Godly sorrow brings repentance leading to salvation!

May 19

Kindness

Verse:

“Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?”

Romans 2:4

Worship:

Take a moment to remember a time when God showed you undeserved kindness. Thank Him.

Prayer:

Ask God to reveal His kindness to those who will attend senior high camp. Pray that He brings specific situations into their lives that make His kindness known to them, that they might be led into repentance.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

After being fairly sure I had torn a muscle, our family petitioned God for weeks for my healing. We were asking and believing Him to move in power on my behalf. When I went to hear the MRI results, I was in shock when I heard the doctor say, “You’re fine.” I left that appointment praising God, knowing that God had shown me His undeserved, unmerited kindness.

May 20

Pentecost

Verse:

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:1 & 4

Worship:

Thank God for the gift of His Holy Spirit. Praise the Holy Spirit for being with you always, for guiding you, and for never leaving you.

Prayer:

Pray that the Holy Spirit would be poured out upon those who gather together at senior high camp. Pray for the Father to appoint this event as a divine moment in which He will reveal Himself through His Holy Spirit.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

One night, I went to the pray in my dorm prayer chapel, asking the Spirit to fill me in a fresh way. Later that week, God answered my prayer by pouring His Spirit upon me in a fresh way. Modern day Pentecosts still happen.

May 21

Oaks of Righteousness

Verse:

"They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor."

Isaiah 61:3e

Worship:

Take a walk in nature for a few minutes. Note the growing things.
Remember it is God who makes them grow.

Prayer:

Pray for God to grow those who will attend senior high camp into oaks of righteousness; mature, solid, unshakable pillars of faith. Pray for their roots to go deep into His word and to be watered by His Spirit, that they might advance God's Kingdom for decades to come and sow seeds for future generations.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

I have been blessed to grow "in the shade" of several oaks of righteousness. My parents are oaks of righteousness, as are Jim and Beth, Dwight and Dawn, Wayne and Jan, and Mark and Marcelle.

May 22

Healer

Verse:

"But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

Worship:

Reflect on the cross of Jesus. Worship Him for His suffering.

Prayer:

Pray for God to bring healing to the hearts, minds, and souls of those who attend senior high camp. Ask for completely healing to begin in their families and their past even now; ask for that healing to be advanced through senior high camp.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

What healing have you seen God bring about in the lives of your friends and family? Take a moment to think about the physical, emotional, and spiritual healings you have seen take place.

May 23

Angels

Verse:

"Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"
Hebrews 1:14

Worship:

Remember a time when someone random helped you in a moment of need.

Prayer:

Ask God to send angels into the lives of those who will attend senior high camp. Pray for angels to protect them physically and spiritually, and even to appear and testify to Jesus' salvation.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

In the space below, record that moment someone helped you. Do so as an act of thanksgiving to God:

May 24

Witnesses

Verse:

"The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.' Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked." Acts 8:29-30

Worship:

Write down the name of one person who had a profound impact upon your spiritual walk, maybe even the person who led you to Jesus. Give thanks to God for them.

Prayer:

Ask God to send His people into the lives of those who will be at senior high camp. Pray for God to bring influential people and conversations into their lives to impact and prepare them spiritually.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

As a college sophomore, I met Cole. We began reading the Bible and praying together, and were accountability partners for two years. God brought us together for mutual encouragement.

May 25

Enlightenment

Verse:

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."

Ephesians 1:18-19a

Worship:

Tell someone about a time in your life when God revealed His hope to you.

Prayer:

Ask God to enlighten the eyes of those coming to senior high camp. Pray that God would reveal His hope, His inheritance, and His power to them in a new way.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

I cannot even begin to recount the many times I have come into God's presence discouraged or downhearted, only to leave filled with encouragement and joy. How faithful He is to reveal His hope to our hearts!

May 26

New Mercies

Verse:

“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:22

Worship:

Thank God for renewing His patience today.

Prayer:

Ask God to reveal His new mercies *today* to those attending senior high camp. Ask Him to open their eyes to see His grace at work in their lives.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

Remember a time in your life when God *clearly* gave you new mercies.

Write a little about it below:

May 27

Open Minds

Verse:

"Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures."

Luke 24:45

Worship:

Write the word "worship" on a note card and take it to work with you. Place it somewhere you will see it often. When you see it, remember God is with you always and everywhere.

Prayer:

Ask Jesus to open the minds of those who will attend. Pray for the barriers in their thoughts to be removed in Jesus' Name. Ask God to grant them insight into the Scriptures.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

In preparation for teaching passages of Scripture, I can remember many moments of asking God to open my mind to understand His Scriptures. Whether at college, at home, in a library, or on a trip, He has been faithful on *countless* occasions to increase my insight and give me revelations of Himself.

May 28

Repentance

Verse:

"Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, 'Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.' The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth."

Jonah 3:4-5

Worship:

Tell someone how thankful you are for them. Do it as an act of worship.

Prayer:

Pray that those attending senior high camp will believe God's message and respond with radical repentance.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

I can remember speaking at a youth camp in Florida, inviting the students to come forward in response to the voice of God. I was shocked; I hadn't even finished giving the altar call before students began coming forward. People had been asking God to move mightily, and the Spirit had faithfully prepared their hearts to respond.

May 29

Joy

Verse:

"This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."
Nehemiah 8:10b

Worship:

Write a note of encouragement to a Christian friend. Ask God for words to say to them.

Prayer:

Pray for the joy of the Lord to strengthen those attending senior high camp. Ask God to replace their mourning with joy, once they have chosen obedience.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

I remember hearing the testimony of a young man who was experiencing God powerfully at youth camp. God was working in his life. This teenager had sincerely desired a work of the Spirit in his life, and it was finally happening. Tears streamed down his eyes as he related the experience to me. God had made a way in his desert place, and this young man was filled with joy.

May 30

Mercy

Verse:

“Who is a God like you,
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression
of the remnant of his inheritance?

You do not stay angry forever
but delight to show mercy.

You will again have compassion on us;
you will tread our sins underfoot
and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.”

Micah 7:18-19

Worship:

Praise God for His Mercy. Thank Him for forgiving your sins.

Prayer:

Ask God to have compassion on those who will attend senior high camp.
Petition God to show His mercy to them, and to wipeout their sins forever.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

Today, ask a Christian friend to share a time in their life when they experienced God’s mercy. Listen to them and be encouraged!

May 31

New Hearts

Verse:

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26

Worship:

Take a moment to thank God that He has the power to give us new hearts and new spirits.

Prayer:

Pray for God to give new hearts to those attending. Ask God to remove their hard, stone-like hearts and make them soft and responsive.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

In the summer of 2010, a group of around 50 college and high school students gathered to worship God and hear His word preached in Marion, Indiana. In spite of being young and naïve, God met that group of students powerfully. Hard hearts were softened. Lives were changed.

June 1

Trembling

Verse:

“These are the ones I look on with favor:
those who are humble and contrite in spirit,
and who tremble at my word.”

Isaiah 66:2b

Worship:

Take a moment to read Isaiah 66. Ask yourself, “Do I tremble at God’s word?”

Prayer:

Pray that those who attend camp would tremble at God’s word; that they would humble their hearts and take action in response to the spoken Word.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

At a community worship night in the Fall of 2012, I preached a word about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. That night, I called students to repentance, and to lifestyles of fasting and prayer. Instead of hardening themselves in pride, many who were present humbled themselves in response to God’s word.

June 2

Springs in the Desert

Verse:

“See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.”

Isaiah 43:19

Worship:

What spring has God created in your life? What are the places of faithfulness and restoration you have seen Him bring in the midst of hardship? Take a moment to praise Him for these things.

Prayer:

Ask that those attending senior high camp would have springs made in their desert places – that in the hardest, most painful, most difficult places of their lives, they would see God working. Pray for God to make a way in the midst of their wilderness for them to follow Him.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

Today, tell a friend about a time when God brought springs in a desert place of your life.

June 3

Knowledge of His Glory

Verse:

“For the earth will be filled
With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,
As the waters cover the sea.”

Habakkuk 2:14

Worship:

Imagine an ocean. Think about the deep places where no person has ever been. Dwell on how the waters *completely* cover the seas. Praise God that, like that, His glory *will* one day cover the earth completely.

Prayer:

Pray that even now, God might grant the knowledge of His glory to those who will come to this senior high camp. Pray that God might *flood* camp with the knowledge of His glory. Pray for an outpouring of glory.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

I remember moments when God poured out knowledge of His glory upon me: walking on the path near my house, sitting in a college classroom, on a car ride to another state, and many more times.

June 4

Guardians

Verse:

"Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn... the angel of the Lord asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me."

Numbers 22:31-32

Worship:

Remember a time in your life when you were chasing wicked things, and God intervened. Worship Him for doing so.

Prayer:

Pray that even now, God might intervene in the lives of those who will attend senior high camp. Pray that He might stand in their way and prevent them from pursuing wicked things. Pray that their eyes would be opened to see God opposing their sinful pursuits.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

God cares deeply for you. He is faithful to do whatever He can to bring you to Himself and guide you away from wickedness.

June 5

Fear of the Lord

Verse:

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” Proverbs 9:10

Worship:

Stop and spend a few moments in silence as worship to Jesus.

Prayer:

Pray that the Holy Spirit would give the gift of the fear of God to those attending senior high camp. Pray that He might overwhelm their defenses of pride and fear with the only fear that brings freedom.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

At a night chapel service at Indiana Wesleyan University, several hundred students gathered to worship God and hear his word. I had been praying for months that God would show up in power that night. He did. His Spirit visited us powerfully, answering my prayer, and lives were impacted. God hears our prayers!

June 6

Broken

Verse:

"When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes. He gave these orders... "Go and inquire of the Lord for me... Great is the Lord's anger that burns against us because those who have gone before us have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us." 2 Kings 22:11-13

Worship:

Praise God for giving us His word and His Holy Spirit who convicts us of sin and guides us into righteousness.

Prayer:

Ask God that the hearts of those who attend senior high camp would become broken in remorse when they hear the word of God. Pray that a true remorse over sin would be granted to them.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

Many American Christians have lost their remorse over sin. Our hearts rarely break over God's word. How valuable it would be for just *one* person to experience remorse over sin in answer to prayer!

June 7

In the Night

Verse:

"On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night."

Psalm 63:6

Worship:

Take time to thank God for being with us at all moments – even in the night.

Prayer:

Right now, pray that during the night tonight, God will speak to those attending senior high camp. Pray for God to speak to them through dreams, or even physically wake them up to remember God.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

Many people have woken up in the middle of the night and known God was speaking to them. I remember more than one occasion in which I felt God was speaking to me through dreams.

June 8

Thirst

Verse:

"On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

John 7:37-38

Worship:

Praise God for satisfying our thirst with His Spirit.

Prayer:

Ask God to awaken the spiritual thirst of those who will attend senior high camp. Pray that even now, *at this moment*, the Spirit might provoke their hearts to feel a hunger and thirst, a true longing for the Holy Spirit.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

After preaching to over a thousand college students about God's Spirit satisfying our thirst, I invited them to respond. Some students stood, others sat, while others came forward to the altar. God opened their hearts to recognize their thirst, and He satisfied those who believed.

June 9

On the job

Verse:

"Now Moses was tending the flock... There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush... When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!

And Moses said, "Here I am."

Exodus 3:1a, 2a, 4

Worship:

Sing your favorite worship song.

Prayer:

God often encountered people in their everyday jobs. Pray that, like Moses, God might meet those coming to senior high camp in their everyday activities – at work, at school, in their house. Pray for God to show up in powerful ways everywhere they go!

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

As I type this in my living room, I think of the times God has met me right here - right in this home! How many times has He met you in an ordinary place?

June 10

Against Accusation

Verse:

"Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. The Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?"

Zechariah 3:1-2

Worship:

Have you felt the presence of lies in your life? If so, expose them to the Lord through prayer now, and ask Him to replace them with truth.

Prayer:

The enemy comes against the people of God to accuse them. Pray against his accusations in the lives of those who will attend senior high camp. Pray that God might expose those lies and replace them with truth.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

One week, I felt the emotional and spiritual burden of lies. During prayer, I felt those lies were exposed. My soul felt free, my burdens lightened. Praise God!

June 11

The Finished Work

Verse:

“When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” John 19:30

Worship:

Take a moment. Pause. Thank Jesus for his sacrifice.

Prayer:

Pray that Christ's *finished work* on the cross would be revealed in the lives of those attending senior high camp. Pray that His power and the reality of His sacrifice would be revealed to these for whom we pray.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

I can remember a particular church service when I was seeking physical healing for myself. I felt such distress as I asked the question, “What am I going to have to do to be healed?” I was afraid because I felt that I had to do the work to be healed. With much elation, I realized that Christ had already done the work, and I simply had to place my faith in His *finished work* on the cross.

June 12

Seek the Lost

Verse:

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19:10

Worship:

Thank Jesus for seeking you when you were still lost.

Prayer:

Pray that Jesus would seek and save those coming to senior high camp. Pray for those who may not know Jesus, that Jesus would find them *today!* Implore Christ to seek and save them!

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

I had been praying for several weeks that God would soften the hearts of several lost persons in my life. About the same time, I was unexpectedly given a chance to speak at a chapel service in a local rescue mission. After speaking, one of the young men in the service approached me. The Spirit was clearly working in his life. He asked me, "If I go 100% [into Christianity], will Jesus take away how messed up I am?" He was asking honestly because Jesus had been seeking him out, in answer to my prayers.

June 13

Shepherd

Verse:

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake."

Psalm 23:3

Worship:

Take a moment to journal about a time when God was your shepherd.
Review that journal entry periodically.

Prayer:

Pray that Jesus would be the good shepherd of those attending senior high camp. Pray that He would reveal Himself as the one who guides and refreshes them. Ask God to provide for their needs too.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

Growing up in a pastor's family, finances were often tight - I can remember times when we did not know how we could make ends meet. But those were the times when we saw God provide. He always provided - He was our shepherd.

June 14

Comfort

Verse:

“Even though I walk
through the darkest valley
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.”

Psalm 23:3

Worship:

Write a note of thanks to a friend today.

Prayer:

Ask God to comfort those attending senior high camp in the midst of any valleys they may experience. Pray that His presence would be made known to them in a special way *today*.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

My family experienced a valley of death during my college years: intense hardships in ministry, divorce in our family, death of a friend, and health problems. And yet, I am amazed at the redemption and healing God has already brought. His presence and word were our comfort.

June 15

Kingdom Come

Verse:

"This, then, is how you should pray:

'Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.'"

Matthew 6:9b-10

Worship:

Spend a few minutes in conversation with someone you might normally overlook (i.e. janitor, waitress, construction worker, barista).

Prayer:

Agree with God for His Kingdom to come in the lives of those who will attend senior high camp. Pray for His will to be brought about today in their lives.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

Write a few words about a time when you *clearly* saw God's Kingdom advancing. _____

June 16

Protection

Verse:

“Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.”

Matthew 6:10-13

Worship:

Pray for those who have no food to eat. Ask God to make you aware of how you can help provide for them.

Prayer:

Ask God to protect the lives of those who will attend senior high camp. Ask Him to prevent the enemy from tempting them and from oppressing them. Pray for their strength.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

In Luke 4, we are told that Jesus was protected in the midst of temptation in the desert. Even when he was hungry and weak, the Spirit empowered Him to overcome the evil one.

June 17

Open the Way

Verse:

"God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you." Romans 1:9-10

Worship:

Sit still in God's presence as you listen to worship music.

Prayer:

Just as Paul asked God to open the way for him, pray that the way might be opened for many students to attend senior high camp. Pray against distractions, schedule conflicts, or other inhibitors that might stand in the way of their coming.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

After God powerfully encountered a group of young adults at a college worship service, a young man came up to me and said something like, "I wasn't planning on even coming, and now I can hardly leave!" God opened a way for this young man to come, and then met with him powerfully.

June 18

Forgiveness & Healing

Verse:

"...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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

Worship:

Take time to thank God for His mercy – for hearing our prayers even when we need His forgiveness.

Prayer:

Remind God of this promise in His word. Ask Him to give humble hearts to those who will attend senior high camp, and to forgive their sins and heal our land through an outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

Think of all the Christians of various cultures and ethnicities that have claimed this verse on behalf of their nation or people. When we claim this Scripture, we stand among a mighty crowd of witnesses who petition God for the healing of our land.

June 19

Immeasurably More

Verse:

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us..."

Ephesians 3:20

Worship:

Thank God for working in so many ways that are beyond our understanding. Praise Him for being unlimited in power and creativity.

Prayer:

Ask God to do immeasurably more than you can imagine at senior high camp. Ask Him to advance His Kingdom in far greater ways than you have imagined or asked for.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

Remember a time when God did "immeasurably more" for you. Record it here: _____

June 20

Immanuel

Verse:

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

Worship:

Pause in silence. Recognize that Jesus is with you right now. Thank Him for being present.

Prayer:

Ask Jesus to be noticeably present in this moment with those who will attend senior high camp. Pray that Immanuel would be revealed to them right now.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

Think of the many thousands of Christians who have claimed Jesus as their Immanuel throughout the centuries. Priests, monks, missionaries, prophets, lay people, prisoners, vagabonds, and prostitutes have called upon Jesus to be with them in time of need. And when they called, He answered them. He is our Immanuel!

June 21

Conviction

Verse:

"When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment..." John 16:8

Worship:

Thank God for His conviction. Thank Him for not letting us remain in sin.

Prayer:

Pray for God's Spirit to convict those attending senior high camp – both *at* the event and leading up to it. Pray that even now, sin may be exposed in their lives and conviction may come by the power of the Spirit.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

Remember a time when God brought conviction in your life. Did you obey? If so, praise Him that His conviction produced obedience in you. If not, go back and obey whatever conviction the Spirit brought.

June 22

Spirit of Truth

Verse:

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”
John 16:13

Worship:

Praise the Holy Spirit for being the one who guides us into all truth, and that no word He speaks to us is false.

Prayer:

Thank God for sending His Spirit. Ask the Spirit to guide those who attend senior high camp into truth at the event, but also in the days leading up to it. Pray for truth to be clearly revealed by Him.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

I can think of so many moments when the Spirit gently nudged me, and His leadings have produced so many great results in my life. Think of your past experiences of the Spirit's leading. Be encouraged – just as He led you and me, so will He lead those we are praying for!

June 23

Cry Out

Verse:

“Consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly.

Gather the elders
and all the inhabitants of the land
to the house of the Lord your God,
and cry out to the Lord.”

Joel 1:14

Worship:

Thank God for these past forty days of prayer. Thank Him for what He *will do* in answer to our prayers.

Prayer:

Cry out for God to pour out revival upon senior high camp. Ask Him to send His Spirit to draw everyone to a place of total surrender to Jesus.

Wait:

Wait upon the Lord for a specific direction to pray.

Encouragement:

Think of all God does in answer to our prayers that we *do not* see. Celebrate all that He has brought about in answer to your prayers these past 40 days – especially the answers we *have not yet* seen!