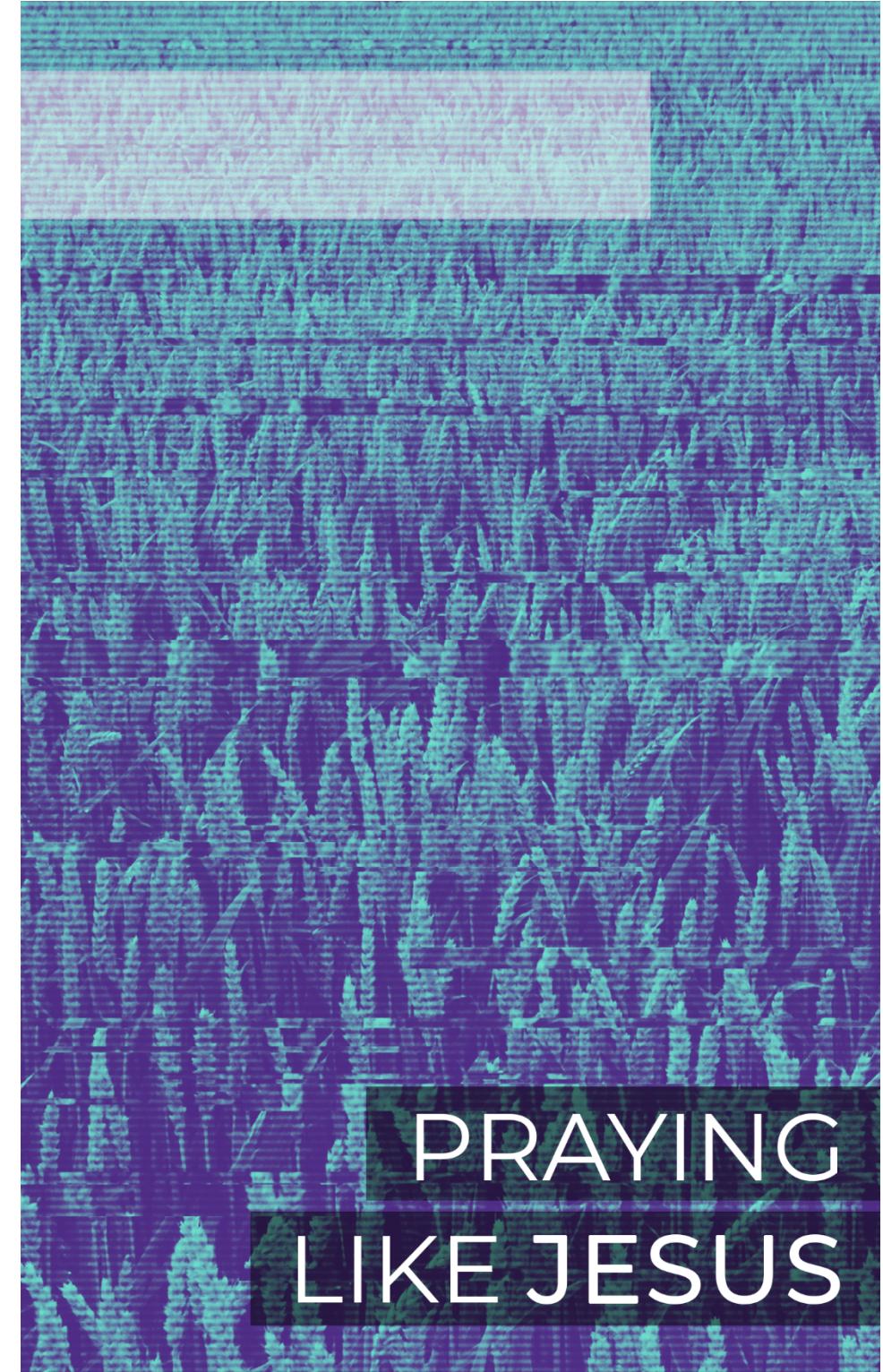


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# PRAISE & PRAYER

# INTRODUCTION

Who better to look to for an example for the importance of prayer and how to pray than Jesus? During His time on Earth, Jesus modeled a dedicated pattern of always turning to God in prayer. Over the course of this devotional, a handful of those moments Jesus spent in prayer are highlighted. Take time to read through the passages, answer the questions, and most importantly, spend time in prayer.

Use the **Praise & Prayer** sections to record ways God has been answering prayer for you and your friends and to keep track of the prayer requests you and your friends are bringing to God.

# 1 // GROW DEEP

Before Jesus began His public ministry, He grew up like we do; learning, asking questions, and growing closer to God. This story shows us that even as a child, Jesus made time for His Father. While prayer is not directly mentioned, it is implied.

## **Read Luke 2:40-52**

What do you notice about Jesus' priorities in this story?

Why do you think He chose to spend time in the Temple instead of somewhere else?

How do you think His time with God shaped who He became?

Who can you pray for before having a faith conversation with them?

How can prayer help you be bold in sharing your faith?

What's one way you can get to know Jesus better this week?

## 9 // BOLDLY ASK

Jesus prayed before asking His disciples a huge question: “Who do you say I am?” Prayer prepared Him for deep conversations.

**Read Luke 9:18-21**

Why do you think Jesus prayed before asking this question?

How does prayer prepare us for spiritual conversations?

What does Peter’s answer show us about knowing Jesus?

Where can you intentionally make space to connect with God each week?

How can you grow in wisdom and in your relationship with God like Jesus did?

What’s one thing you can do this week to make knowing God more important than other distractions?

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