

Dear Prayer Partner,

The next ten days are going to be incredible as we prepare our hearts to receive what God has been speaking to me, our staff, leadership teams and our church. In February, we will outline a *Roadmap to 2020*. It is my prayer that you will join our staff in prayer and fasting as we prepare for this vision casting series. Included at the back of this guide is information to assist you in selecting the appropriate fast. Our greatest days as a church are ahead of us. We are a part of something bigger than ourselves. And yet, nothing of any spiritual significance will happen apart from prayer. So join me in praying as we make ourselves completely available to the work of God's Spirit within us.

Recklessly Abandoned to Him,



Richard Mark Lee
Lead Pastor

January 26

Day 1

Together we:
LOVE as God loves.
GROW to be more like Jesus.
SERVE others.
SHARE Christ with the world!

*Jesus said,
"Come, follow me."
Matthew 4:19*

Our Vision at First McKinney is to lead people on a life-changing journey to find and follow Jesus Christ.

Pause and remember who you were before you met Christ. What caused you to place your faith in Him? Are you still following Him today?

Are there people in your circle of influence who don't know Christ as Savior? Today, would you pray for God to stretch your heart and mind to focus on others? Ask God to place on your heart people who are on His heart. Ask God to give you a greater vision for this community and our world.

PRAY for our church family as we enter a season of prayer and fasting and look expectantly toward the *Roadmap to 2020*.

Thoughts:

Day 2

January 27

Children often imitate parents out of a sense of awe, respect, and love. We are commanded to imitate God because of what we have experienced of God's love.

How has God's love impacted your life? In what ways is your life different because you are imitating God? What impact would First McKinney have if we were a group of individuals imitating God's love and sacrifice?

PRAY that God will help us to imitate Him in our daily life and as a church.

"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Ephesians 5:1-2

Thoughts:

God commands us to love Him holistically. This can only be accomplished in our lives because of God's sacrificial gift

of Christ. Because we know Christ and have experienced His forgiveness, we have the ability to love Him with all we are and in everything we do.

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:37

Imagine a place where those who gather to worship Christ are seeking to let Him have control of every area of their life; families modeling God's character to one another, marriages where unity and understanding are experienced, people who conduct their work life in such a way that there is no doubt that they are not just putting in their "40", but are working to give testimony to God's work in their life!

PRAY that we will continue to grow to be people who live the Christ life 24/7 in our homes, schools, places of work and recreation.

Thoughts:

Once we place our trust in Christ, God has a new plan for our life. He wants our life to give evidence that He has control of our life. He wants the world to see Christ in us. We need to understand God's character and all that He has done for us. We grow through personal and group study of the Scriptures and exercising the truth of God's Word in our daily life. Is there an area of your life where you are being challenged to be obedient to Christ?

As a family of faith, we want to obey and teach everything that Christ has commanded. Please join us tonight for our Vision service in the Worship Center at 5:00pm.

"...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:20

PRAY for clear communication and understanding as we begin the *Roadmap to 2020* and a desire to be part of God's plan to make disciples.

Thoughts:

Jesus connects obedience as an act of love, not an obligation or duty. Healthy relationships are built on love and trust. A Christ follower who is not obeying God in their daily life has a love problem. We cultivate our relationship with God as an expression of our love for Him, which drives our obedience.

*Jesus said, "if you love me, you will obey what I command."
John 14:15*

How are you cultivating a love relationship with God? Are you spending time with others who can help you cultivate a greater love for God?

PRAY that we will be able to expand our ability to encourage others to grow in their love for Christ and express that love by responding in obedience to His Word.

Thoughts:

In the Scriptures, Christ is referred to as King, Ruler, Judge and God. Jesus also often referred to Himself as a servant. He did not come to get His own needs met but to help others find what they so desperately need. The life of a servant sometimes involves getting dirty and being uncomfortable.

*"...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."
Matthew 20:28*

How has following Christ lead you to get dirty and uncomfortable? Does your love for Christ compel you to serve others? How has your service lead others to understand the Master Servant - Christ?

PRAY that we will be known as a group of people who serve others because of our love for Christ.

Thoughts:

Everything a servant does is done with someone else in mind. Servanthood is a continual process of laying down one's own agenda. As we grow to become more like

*"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love."
Galatians 5:13*

Christ we will serve others out of the overflow of our love for Him. Pray that God raises up an army of servant leaders to serve within the church family and serve within our community as we share His love with others. Pray that God's people will focus more on serving others and less on being served. It's an issue of Christian growth and maturity.

Thank God for those who do serve within our faith family. Pray that they will be renewed in their service to the body of Christ and our community.

PRAY for those who need to join the ranks of servant leaders!

Thoughts:

God has given us a person to help fulfill our purpose in this life; the Holy Spirit. One of His roles is to empower us to be witnesses for Christ. Witnesses are asked to declare what they have experienced. What have you experienced through Christ that you can tell others about?

We are to be His witnesses at home with our neighbors, to the nations and the next generation.

PRAY that the First McKinney family will be a people filled with the Holy Spirit sharing everywhere we go what we have experienced in Christ!

*"...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8*

Thoughts:

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

Our task is to make disciples by inviting our community to come find and follow Christ; love Him with our whole heart, grow to be more like Him, serve Him and share His love with others.

PRAY that we will live this great commission life. Being Jesus with skin on in our community as we love, grow, serve and share to make disciples of our neighbors, the nations and the next generation.

Thoughts:

Tomorrow, Sunday, February 5, we begin four weeks of communicating the *Roadmap to 2020*. We'll unpack the major initiatives for 2012 and beyond.

- * **CONNECTING** with the unreached and unengaged in our community.
- * **CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT** for our ministry training and missions sending center.
- * **STAFF ALIGNMENT** for greater Kingdom impact.
- * **INTENTIONAL STEPS** toward diversity (becoming more like heaven on earth).
- * **INCREASED MISSIONAL ENGAGEMENT** with our neighbors, the nations and the next generation.

"...write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it."

Habbakkuk 2:2

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

PRAY for each member of our church family to hear how he/she is a vital part of the ministry and mission that is First McKinney!

Thoughts:
