

**INTRO: Week 1 Read: John 15 & 16**

Song: Here For You ~ Shane and Shane/Worship Initiative

Let our praise be Your welcome  
Let our songs be a sign We are here for You We are here for You

life  
We are here for You We are here for You

To You, our hearts are

Let Your breath come from Heaven  
Fill our hearts with Your Life

We are here for You We are here for You

To You, our hearts are open  
Nothing here is hidden You are our one desire  
You alone are holy  
Only You are worthy  
God, let Your fire fall down

Let our shout be Your

open  
Nothing here is hidden You are our one desire  
Oh, You alone are holy Only You are worthy  
God, let Your fire fall down

To You, our hearts are open  
Nothing here is hidden You are our one desire  
Oh, You alone are holy Only You are worthy  
God, let Your fire fall down Let it fall

You know we are here

anthem  
Your renown fill the sky We are here for You We are here for You

Let Your Word move in power  
Let what's dead come to

We welcome You with praise  
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Almighty God of love  
Be welcomed in this place

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Almighty God of love  
Be welcomed in this place

Let every heart adore  
Let every soul awake Almighty God of love  
Be welcomed in this place

We welcome You with praise  
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Almighty God of love  
Be welcomed in this place

To You, our hearts are open  
Nothing here is hidden

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You alone are holy  
Only You are worthy  
God, let Your fire fall down Let it fall

**Reflection:** We are here for You, Most High King Jesus. We are here for You, your humble servant. We thank You, Jesus, for who You are and what You've done.

We are here for You, Jesus, not just because we are called to enter Your Courts, but because we are here for WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY TO US!

How generous You are, Lord, that you call us by name, that you Created a space for us to enter to fellowship with You.

Now, Your Word confirms that for those who believe and declare that You, Jesus, are Lord of All, we don't need a place to go to worship. We no longer need to sacrifice and, seemingly, jump through hoops to enter Your presence because Your Presence, through the Holy Spirit, dwells within us.

YES, You are in us!

How crazy-cool is that!

Jesus, you said in John 15:1-5 (NIV) that He is in us and we are a part of Him.

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes <sup>3</sup> so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> **Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you***

*remain in me. 5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

John 16:5-15 (NIV) says,

*5 but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. 7 **But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.** 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this*

*world now stands condemned. 12 “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 **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.** 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 **All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.**”*

So therefore, in accordance with Scripture, we welcome You, Holy Spirit, with arms open, hands and feet willing to endeavour in the task you are laying out for us; that is - diving into Your Word and Your Character, we ask that You prepare our hearts and tenderize us that we may be willing to hear all you have in store for us this summer.

**CHALLENGE:** As we kick off this summer season, we don't want to sacrifice all the community and church togetherness we have cultivated throughout the winter months.

Our programs stall, we take holidays, we break from schedule and that is all wonderful, it can be rejuvenating and like a break from expectations. But with the shake-up of our routines, we often miss things here and there.

Pastor Ernie challenged us last Sunday to join together in Corporate Prayer and Fasting every Monday in June.

**Q:** Have you prayed about what to pray for during this time? **Pray that.**

**Q:** Have you prayed about the sort of fast and for how long? **Pray that.**

**Q:** Have you talked to God about shaking up your expectations of this commitment and replacing it with where He wants to lead you and what you need to learn through this offering? **Pray that.**

**Corporate means together.**

So, find a buddy.

Make accountability cool!

You are not alone.

The church is still open, maybe gather there during your lunch hour to pray and fast TOGETHER!

Let's commit independently to seek the Lord this summer, and corporately to pray and fast on Mondays.

**Q:** If you can find the song we began with, have a listen, and offer those words as a commitment to your pursuit of Him, your King Jesus, Heavenly Father, and Spirit who dwells in you.

Journal as you go, there is no right or wrong way to do this. The questions are intended as a way for you to be challenged and to explore, perhaps, in a different way.

The Lord just wants your time, your focus, and your love.

**PRAY AND JOURNAL:** the above **Qs**

## PRAYER & FASTING

Monday~PRAYER AND FASTING (Corporate THE CHURCH) pray as led  
(fast and ask the Lord to show you how to pray for these young people, our families, our church and community)

Tuesday~ Marriages/Families at EFC

Wednesday~ Seniors

Thursday~ Youth/Young Adults

Friday~ community/country/as led

Saturday/Sunday ~ Sabbath pray as led

**JUNE: PRAYER AND FASTING CHALLENGE: EVERY MONDAY**