

What did Jesus do OFTEN? We know he taught in the synagogue regularly. He seemed to go to dinners a lot. He conversed and dealt with a lot of people, some he liked and some he didn't so much. Sounds like a pretty typical pastor's life!

But do you know what the scripture actually says that Jesus did OFTEN? Despite the demands of the people around him, and the very important and urgent work he came to do, scripture says, "But Jesus OFTEN withdrew to lonely places and prayed. (Luke 5:16)

Despite the world's expectations, Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed! Or rather, maybe because of the world's expectations, and because of the important and urgent work he was doing, Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed!

Being a leader for God is hard work. As pastors, as Christians, we are empowered by God and need to stay connected to him. Prayer is our lifeline, our compass, our source of truth. Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed to stay connected with his Father, to recharge, and to remain on the path to which he was called. If Jesus often withdrew and took time to pray, than so should we.

At this year's prayer retreat, we will explore one of Jesus' prayers from John 17. What did Jesus pray for? What should we be praying about? We will look briefly at John 17, and then pray as he did. Join us for a time away to pray like Jesus.

PRAYER RETREAT SCHEDULE:

Mon. Oct. 23, 2017

9:00 Welcome

9:10 Worship through Song

9:30 Pray that we will submit to God's Authority, and utilize the power he has given us.

10:15 Break

10:30 Glorify and adore God.

12 noon Lunch

1:00 Pray that we will faithfully fulfill our calling.

2:15 Pray for unity

3:15 Break

3:30 Pray for joy and confidence in the journey

5:00 Dinner

Evening: Free time

You can stay and pray. OR

You can stay and play games, or socialize.

OR You can stay and rest.

OR you can go home. This is a time for you to be refreshed and connect with God.

Tues. Oct. 24, 2017

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Worship through Song

9:20 Pray the word of God, may we know the truth.

10:30 Break

10:45 Pray for love! May we be full of God's love, may it overflow out of us back to him and to others.

11:30 Closing Worship

12:00 Lunch

2017 Prayer retreat is being led by the Members of the ERC Commission on Discipleship.

We all need to take time away to intentionally connect with God and hear from him. This is an easy time to make that happen. Come to beautiful Camp YoliJwa, with amazing food, and experience what God has for you. Join the prepared retreat, or if God calls you into the wilderness for a time that's ok too.

Just be intentional about making real time to be with God.

PASTORS PRAYER RETREAT REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Spouse's Name (if attending): _____

Address: _____

Roommate Request (Optional):

Check the following as applicable:

Pastor attending full retreat \$45.00

Pastor attending, but not staying
overnight \$35.00

Spouse \$30.00

Current Winebrenner/Scotland/PTI
Student FREE!

Please return form and make check payable
to ERC Churches of God,
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Harrisburg, PA 17109-5093.

Please mail by October 11, 2017.

RETREAT IS FREE FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS

We are so convinced that this heart
connection to God is so vital to the very
make up of pastors that we want to instill it
into the DNA of all of our pastors.

So in 2017, the Pastors Prayer Retreat is
FREE to all Winebrenner Students and PTI
Students who register.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

If cost is a deterring factor for any pastor,
please contact [Rachel Neely-Pletcher,
neelychic@gmail.com](mailto:neelychic@gmail.com).

PASTOR'S PRAYER RETREAT 2017

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Praying with Jesus,
from John 17.



Oct 23-24, 2017
At Camp YoliJwa,
Doubling Gap Center