

# *The Local Church and the Great Commission*

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## COMING UP

[GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR](https://gracpolaris.org/calendar)

**Car Care for Single Moms & Widows** Saturday, October 21 • 9:00 a.m. • Warehouse A • We're blessing widows and single moms with a FREE basic car checkup this season! Let us change your oil and filter, plus check and top off your car's fluids. RSVP by October 18 at [GracePolaris.org/CarCare](https://GracePolaris.org/CarCare) or text "CarCare" to 614-888-7733.

**Books and Bagels Club** Sundays, October 29–December 3 • 9:00 a.m. • WC 13 • Join others for a reading and discussion of the book *Know Yourself, Know Your Money* by Rachel Cruze. RSVP by October 22 at [GracePolaris.org/Bagels](https://GracePolaris.org/Bagels) or text the word "Bagels" to 614-888-7733.

**Trunk or Treat** Sunday, October 29 • 4:00–6:00 p.m. • North Parking Lot • Help us make our annual Trunk or Treat the best one yet! Plan to park your car in the North Parking Lot by 3:30 p.m. and decorate your trunk to begin passing out candy by 4:00 p.m. Can't make it that day? You can still participate by dropping off bags of individually wrapped candy at the Resource Center by October 29.

## EXPLORE

Because of this week's emphasis on global missions, we encourage our groups to spend their meeting time in prayer for our global workers and their ministries. Below, there are four guided prayer points that you can use for this time.

To set the stage before prayer, answer this: what idea or point of application resonated with you from the sermon?

## PRAY

- 1 Read Matthew 9:37–38. Pray earnestly that the Lord would send out laborers for the Gospel harvest. Pray that the Lord would continuously clarify the role He desires for you to play in this process; whether that means helping to send others to spread the Gospel to the nations or going yourself to spread the Gospel to the nations. As a group, prayerfully consider if God desires for you to go to the nations.
- 2 Pray for a few of our global workers by name. Or better yet, pray for all of them! Find their specific requests in the global worker prayer guide from Sunday or at [GracePolaris.org/Global-Outreach](https://GracePolaris.org/Global-Outreach).
- 3 We must consistently emphasize the importance of global outreach while also remembering the importance of local missions. Pray that the Lord would give you opportunities to spread the Gospel right where you are. Pray by name for those individuals the members of your group are seeking to evangelize.
- 4 Pray that the Lord would give us a heart for the lost. Pray that the Lord would open the eyes of our hearts to see those around us from His perspective. Pray for courage to start conversations about Jesus, for an open and sensitive heart toward those you speak with, and for the Lord to draw them to Himself.