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## Breakthrough Prayer

Dear God, fill us with Your wisdom and courage as we seek Your will for Oak Grove UMC. Empower us to follow You in serving our families, our church, our community, and our world. Help us be aware of what You are trying to do with us and through us so that we may grow Your kingdom. Amen.

### ***John 4:5-9 (CEB)***

*5 Thomas asked, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us." 9 Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."*

### **"At The End Of The Day"**

"Christianity at its core is about the self-referenced claim by a person who said, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.' That person calls us into relationship with himself, which means communion with God. He showed and taught us that his way is love and mercy and forgiveness. His truth is not just his teaching but his person. His life is life indeed because in union with him we have communion with God.

The Christian claim is that at the end of the day, at the end of life, you and I have to deal with Jesus. Christianity is about a person and therefore it is about personhood. That means a great deal when we deal with people, especially people who differ from us in their faith, ethics, political ideas and worldviews."

- Excerpt from Andrew Purves, [The Crucifixion of Ministry](#)

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## WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THIS?

- To help us center our minds, meetings, and gatherings on our God

## HOW TO USE THIS DEVOTIONAL

- At the beginning of each gathering, pass out a devotional to each member of the group
- Start by reading the Breakthrough Prayer out loud together
- Invite everyone to either 1) silently read the Scripture and devotional paragraph or 2) have a person read each out loud
- Take time for silent reflection and then discuss the reflection questions
- Then move on with your agenda/study