# **Prayer- Praying with vision.**

#### The heart behind vision. Luke 13:32-35

- Jesus reveals his goal—to go to Jerusalem to resurrect. Thus, making him the redemptive bridge for all of mankind. (32)
- Jesus' love for Jerusalem is like a mother to her children. (34b)
- He sees Jerusalem for its current condition of being a spiritual wasteland— "desolate." (35a) [Picture of Jerusalem]
- His vision for Jerusalem is not thwarted. He will come back to achieve what he came for—a lasting peace. (35b)

### The messy journey to vision. Luke 19:28-44

- As he rises over the crest of the Mount of Olives. Jesus sees Jerusalem and weeps over it like a mother would for a lost child. (41)
- The long sought-after peace for Jerusalem has arrived, but unfortunately the people were not looking for what they were actually praying for. (42)
- Unfortunately, greater destruction was yet to come due to their denial of Christ's peace. (43-44) [Picture of the stones fallen from the walls]

### Vision has purpose. Psalm 122

- Jerusalem was God's chosen place to be worshipped. (4)
- Jerusalem was God's chosen place to reveal his redemptive plan through two sacrifices on its hill—Substitutional sacrifice for Isaac, and Christ's substitutional sacrifice for all of us!
- Jerusalem will be the place where Kingdom of Satan's final defeat on earth will happen. Justice prevails. (5) Revelation 20:7-10
- Praying for the peace of Jerusalem is intrinsically tied to God's redemptive plan for mankind! (6)

## Aligning with the vision. Matthew 9:35-38

- Just like Jerusalem, Jesus wants to restore the relationship with God and end the desolation of our souls.
- Just like Jerusalem, people need the peace of Christ and it moves his heart to compassion. (36)
- Just like Jerusalem, we are to pray for the peace of Christ to be proclaimed to those who are yet to know him. (38)
- Who will proclaim that peace?
  - Where you work? God send someone.
  - o Who will proclaim Jesus in my home? God send someone.
  - o Who will proclaim Jesus to my neighbors? God send someone.
  - Who will proclaim Jesus at our big family holiday gatherings? God send someone.
  - o Who will proclaim Jesus at my school? God send someone.
  - o Who will proclaim Jesus at my gym? God send someone.
- Do you see the harvest around you? Pray and Go!!!

Praying to the Lord of the Harvest. [New Oikos Card]