To those gathered together unto the name of the Lord Jesus Christ elsewhere,

After much prayer and consideration over the last few months, we feel that it is the Lord's mind for us to invite our brethren to join us for a day of meetings here in Dorothy on Saturday, November 7th.

We know that this is naturally a busy time of year. The kids are back in school, fall activities are underway, there is work to be done around the house before winter, and some of us are probably trying to squeeze in one last trip before the colder months set in. Somehow, the calendar never seems to have as much room on it as we thought it did. Recently, as we have been reading through the Gospel of John together as an assembly, we were reminded of the Lord's words: "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life" (John 6:27).

We can so easily become occupied with the cares of the world around us, even with the good and necessary things of everyday life, and find that we have put far less time and labor into the things that have eternal value. It is our desire that this day would provide an opportunity to set some of those things aside and spend time together in the Word, enjoying fellowship with our brethren and, above all, being occupied with our common Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have been especially encouraged lately to see a number of our young families growing in the assembly and so many children running around together. We have also had a young man from our area occasionally attending our weeknight reading meetings as we make our way through John. We pray earnestly for his salvation, and it has been wonderful to see how naturally the portions before us have presented the gospel week after week. We recently came to the Lord's words in the second half of John 6: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of life" (John 6:47-48).

What a wonderful invitation this is. Christ, the Bread of Life, offers everlasting life simply through faith in Him, despite all of man's efforts to complicate and twist how it is we get to Heaven. It is our hope that our time together on November 7th would encourage each of us to value Christ more, labor for those things which endure, and encourage one another in our walk with the Lord.

The meetings for the day will include prayer, reading, and open meetings, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Cumberland Christian School. Details regarding the school and location are enclosed. If any are staying overnight, we are having our fellowship meeting in our meeting room on Sunday, November 8th.

Most importantly, we would very much value your prayers that the Lord would allow us a day of encouragement, edification, and blessing among His people and we look forward to seeing all those who can join us.

For registration, please reach out to Philip & Abby Elgawli at dorothyconference@gmail.com, or 856.472.1457, or sign up at bibleconferenceregistration.com. We would ask that you put your names in no later than October 31st. If any are considering staying overnight, we would be happy to provide accommodations.

With much love in Christ from those gathered to the name of the Lord in Dorothy,

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