



COLOSSIANS

Colossians 4:2-6 // Rooted in Prayer

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Getting Started

- *Larger LIFEGroups may consider splitting into same gender groups in order to facilitate more meaningful discussion.*
- *Groups will not have enough time to discuss every question. Leaders are encouraged to skip questions and make substitutions based on what's best for their group.*

Warm Ups (15 Min)

- Everyone go around and share a “High” from the week and a “Low” from the week.
- What quality do you appreciate the most in a friend?

Scripture Study (30 Min)

- Read Colossians 4:2-6
- The main idea is prayer for the word of God to spread.
- Paul says to continue *steadfastly* in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving (Col. 4:2).
- How often do you pray?
- What kind of things do you pray for?
- Read Colossians 1:9-14. What does Paul pray for?
- Have you begun to incorporate gratitude as a part of your prayer life?
- Pastor and Author J.D. Greear writes in his book, *The Gospel*, his famous Gospel Prayer: “There is nothing I have done that could make you love me less, and nothing I could do that would make you love me more.”

- In Luke 11:1-13, Jesus calls us His friends and taught us to call God our “Father” in prayer. Jesus said: “Father, hallowed be your name... how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him” (Luke 11:2, 13). Pastor and Author Robby Gallaty writes: “With two words-father and friend-Jesus taught us that prayer is personal, relational, and intimate. He begins and ends Luke 11:1-13 with the word *Father*” (Gallaty, 69).
- In particular, how could or how do you pray for the word of God to spread?
- How has this book of the bible given you more knowledge so that you know how to answer people that ask you about your faith?

Group Prayer (15 Min)

Trios (20 Min)

Same gender groups of three. If numbers are uneven, go to groups of two.

- **Spiritual Velocity:**
 - How did you see God at work in your life this week?
 - What has God been teaching you in His Word as you’ve encountered it in this week’s Life Journal readings, Sunday message, or LIFEGroup study?
 - What’s an area of your life in which you know you need to repent or grow? How can we encourage you?
- **Joining Jesus on His Mission:**
 - What kind of conversations are you having with non-Christians? How’s your 3-2-1 challenge going? Share about connections you’re building and spiritual conversations you’re having with non-believing neighbors and friends.
 - List the names of non-Christians in your life that you can pray for:

 - What good can we do around here? (Missional party? Service project?)
 - How can we help each other, our neighbors, and our city in prayer?