



August 21, 2022

**MAIN SCRIPTURE: Colossians 4:2-6** <sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. <sup>3</sup> Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. <sup>5</sup> Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

**WARM-UP**

- What do the prayers you have been praying for the last week say about your heart? What does it mean to pray from a thankful heart?

(Below you will find the main points of this week’s sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)

**Thought #1 – Moving Forward: Prayer is the tracks in front of the train.**

Verses: Colossians 4:2-6, 1:3

- Think of people who make you “light up” when you get to talk to them vs. people who make you cringe or “power down”. What’s the difference? How does it feel knowing that Jesus longs to hear from us in prayer?
- Pastor Kevin said, “Many short prayers can be just as powerful as one long prayer.” What short sentence or word prayers do you pray most often? How is this helpful for you?
- Many believers say that they pray throughout the day. Some might not

understand this. How would you explain it, practically speaking? What’s the benefit of this sort of all-day-long abiding?

**Thought # 2 – Be Alert in Prayer!**

Verses: Colossians 4:2-6

- As a group, list things that tend to distract “us” from prayer.
- How can we combat these distractions?
- What practical things can we do to stay alert in prayer?

**Thought #3 Live Wisely, Making the Most of the Opportunity Given!**

Verses: Colossians 4:2-6

- According to this passage, what opportunities should we be praying for?
- How can we be ready to take full advantage of the opportunities that God gives?
- Tell your story. Tell of a time in your life when God gave you an opportunity to invest or care for another. What made you realize that this was a God-given opportunity? How did you take full advantage of the opportunity? What was the outcome? How do you feel knowing that this opportunity was a gift from God to you and this other person?

Questions for Pastor Todd Keller regarding your REMIX group?

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\*\*\*Remember to record your attendance for the week. Thank you.

**How can we pray for each other this week?**

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