



COLOSSIANS SERIES PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL PLAN

WEEK 9

Each week through this series, we are including five personal devotional readings followed by a couple of questions you can think on through the day. Monday is a day to set aside to read through the book of Colossians. The rest of the week we will look at two or three verses to contemplate more deeply and personally. We hope you enjoy digging into this important book over the next 10 weeks, and we pray God will use these short devotional questions to give you deeper insight and that through it, the gospel will be “bearing fruit and increasing” in you daily (Colossians 1:6).

Monday Reading: Read through Colossians in one sitting.

Devotional Question—What is something new that you picked up from your reading of Colossians this week? How can that thought be an encouragement throughout your day?

Tuesday Devotional: Read Colossians 4:1

Devotional Questions—How does your understanding of who God is affect how you treat others, particularly those you lead in some way?

Is there anyone in your life who you are treating unfairly? How can you make that right?

Wednesday Devotional: Read Colossians 4:2-4

Devotional Questions—What does it mean to be “watchful” in prayer? Are you watchful in prayer?

Are you praying expectantly that you or other believers you know might have opportunities to share the gospel?

Thursday Devotional: Read Colossians 4:5-6

Devotional Questions—What does it mean to walk in wisdom toward outsiders? Why is this important to the spread of the gospel?

Do you feel you relate with unbelievers in a way that is wise and effective in representing Jesus? How does this look in a culture that is increasingly anti-Christian?

Friday Devotional: Read Colossians 4:7-8

Devotional Questions—What do these verses tell us about the importance of close relationships among Christians?

Is there anyone that you can think of who you need to reconnect with, just to see how they are doing and what God is doing in their lives? When will you call that person?





COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:6

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE FROM 11/7/21

SERMON SUMMARY

Having laid a strong foundation by clarifying what the gospel is and what is true for those who are “in Christ,” in Colossians 3 Paul calls the believers to righteous living, stressing especially the importance of relational unity and love for one another. In this week’s passage, Paul leans deeper into this focus, instructing the church on how their love toward others should be demonstrated in specific relationships, with those inside the church as well as outside. Paul’s point is clear—the gospel changes a person’s identity and this change will affect how he or she relates to others. Those who follow Jesus will take on a posture that is humble and distinctly others-focused. This is how Jesus lived, this is how His followers should live, and this is one of the greatest pictures of the character of Christ that we can demonstrate to those around us.

Key Passage: Colossians 3:18-4:6

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the “Grow” section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW—Spend some time finding out how everyone’s week has gone. *The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or “connection” activity or with questions appropriate to your context.*

What is one way God is challenging you to trust Him this week?

What are some ways you have experienced God answering your prayers lately?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW—Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

How would you sum up what verses 18-21 show to be the key to positive relationships within the family?

How do you feel about Paul’s instructions about the husband/wife relationship? What is the hardest part for you in obeying these instructions? What is his point?

In what ways can we provoke our kids to the point of discouragement? How do we find balance when it comes to discipline?

What do verses 22-25 tell us about how we should work?

What confidence do these verses give us when working for unjust bosses?

What does this passage tell us about how we treat those who work for us?

In all of these relationships, in which there could be tension, how does Paul want Christians to live differently?

How is the way we treat others important in the work of the gospel? Does 4:2-6 give us insight?

How important is prayer in the work of sharing the gospel? Do you pray for opportunities to share your faith?

GO—Talk through ways you can put what you’ve learned into practice.

How are you relating right now to those who are closest to you? Is the gospel impacting those relationships?

Who are you praying for so that you might have the opportunity to share your faith?

How are you relating with unbelievers? Are your words and interactions “seasoned with salt?”

