

# Colossians 4:2-6

November 15th, 2020

## Breaking the Ice

### ICEBREAKER:

What is the best and worst meal you have ever cooked? If others ate it, how did they react?

## Turning to Scripture

**LEADER:** In this week's passage, Paul focuses on those outside of the family. He moves from inviting the Colossians toward consistent and persistent prayer towards praying that God would provide open doors for the gospel. When our lives reflect the beauty of the gospel, we will have opportunity to point others to Christ.

**ASK FOR A VOLUNTEER TO READ THE PASSAGE FROM THIS WEEK, COLOSSIANS 4:2-6.**

*"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."*

### Question #1:

What sticks out to you in this passage? Or what struck you in the sermon from this week?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next Storyline Baptism Date:**  
December 13th

**Monthly Prayer Gathering:**  
December 6th

**Catch The Vision Members Gathering:** December 6th

Find out more info on all of our Storyline events by going to [storylinefellowship.com/events/](https://storylinefellowship.com/events/)

**Thank you to everyone who helped fill a Thanksgiving meal box for the families at Arvada High School!**

## A Life of Prayer

### Question #2:

How did you first learn to pray? How would you say you've grown in your understanding about prayer since you first began to follow Jesus?

### Question #3:

How would you describe your habits around prayer? What habits or attitudes does Paul encourage around prayer?

*Psalm 42:1-2*

*"As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?"*

*Lamentations 3:25*

*"The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him."*

*Ephesians 6:18-20*

*"...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak."*

### Question #4:

As you think about your own life in recent weeks and months, how have you seen God working around you? How have you specifically seen Him working through prayer?

*Philippians 4:6-7*

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

*John 16:24*

*"Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."*

### Question #5:

How would you like to see God open doors around you to share about the hope within you?

*Jeremiah 29:12-13*

*"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."*

### Leader Note:

**Do you remember how intimidating it was for you to pray in front of other people for the first time? Or perhaps still? Prayer is a muscle that grows over time!**

*Be wise in the way you act is literally 'walk in wisdom', that is, follow Christ as God's pattern for full and authentic human living.*

*N. T. Wright*

*Christians are to work at making their witness interesting, lively and colourful; and, at the same time, to ensure that they have thoroughly mastered the rudiments of their faith so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

*N. T. Wright*

*Paul assumes that unbelievers will be raising questions about the faith of the Colossian Christians, questions that may be neutral or even, perhaps, hostile. An appropriate Christian response will, of course, communicate the content of the gospel, but it will also be done in a manner that will make the gospel attractive.*

*Douglas J. Moo*

**WRAP UP:**

Paul wants others to know Jesus the way He has come to know Jesus. For Paul, that means spending time in prayer while also engaging with the outside world. As we live prayerfully before God, let us also join Him in the work He is already doing in the lives of those around us.

**End With Prayer**

End in prayer together. Take some time to celebrate what God has done and the ways He has answered prayers around us. Pray also for God to open doors, so that we may have opportunity to point others toward Jesus.