

CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

In Readiness

Colossians 4:2-6

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Opening Thought Questions:

How does the Church, as clothed in Christ, compellingly and effectively make him known to a not yet believing world?

(2-4) Steadfast in Prayer

Spiritual Benefits of a Consistent Prayer Life

1. Reminds us of God's _____ presence with and _____ for us.
2. Practices our _____ on God.
3. _____ us down.
4. Keeps us _____ of God's work.
5. Generates _____.
6. Helps us to rightly _____ our lives.
7. Grows our _____ for others.
8. Opens _____.
9. Leads us to grow in _____.
10. Guides us in _____.

Personal and Collective prayer Life discipleship opportunities at CMBC.

Personal Prayer Prompts	Public Prayer Opportunities

(5) Walking in Wisdom

Challenging 2 circles of misguided thinking and practice in the church.

1. _____ mentality.
2. _____ aversion.

(6) Speaking with Grace

Significant questions for evaluating our private and collective speech...

Further Study

Ephesians
Acts 21-28

1 Thes. 5:16-17
Phil. 4:6-7
Heb. 4:16

Jesus'
Example in
Prayer
Lk. 3:21
Lk. 5:16
Lk. 6:12
Matt. 14:23
Jn. 17

1 Jn. 4:4
Col. 3:12-17
Rom. 1:16-17

Matt. 5:13
Mk. 9:50
Eph. 4:29

Next Week: Colossians 4:7-18 Christ be Magnified: "In Perseverance"

<p style="text-align: center;">CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Readiness</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Col. 4:2-6</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Colossians 4:2-6</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection and Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take time to discuss or journal about the characteristics and qualities of a healthy, consistent prayer life. What has helped in the development of your own prayer life? 2. Take time to explore the various discipleship opportunities related to prayer present at CMBC. Which of these tools are you already using in your personal and public prayer life? Which could you make better use of? 3. What are the obstacles to a consistent prayer life? 4. In verse 5, Paul challenges the congregation to walk with wisdom <u>toward</u> outsiders. He encourages the church to move with wisdom beyond its own people, to those who have not yet believed. Discuss how we can commit to this ideal in both our personal lives and as a congregation at CMBC. 5. How does Paul encourage the church to be prepared to answer everyone? (vs. 6) What does gracious speech sound like? (Give examples of how this might sound in disagreement). What does it mean that our speech should be seasoned with salt? (Matt. 5:13, Mark 9:50, Ephesians 4:29). <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u></p> <p>Ephesians Acts 21-28 1 Thes. 5:16-17 Phil. 4:6-7 Heb. 4:16</p> <p><u>Jesus' Example in Prayer</u></p> <p>Lk. 3:21 Lk. 5:16 Lk. 6:12 Matt. 14:23 Jn. 17</p> <p>1 Jn. 4:4 Col. 3:12-17 Rom. 1:16-17 Matt. 5:13 Mk. 9:50 Eph. 4:29</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career & Friends</p> <p>Other</p>