

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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This week Pastor Andy Rauschkolb continued in our Kingdom Culture series, looking at Colossians 4 where Paul talks about prayer with a kingdom mindset. Mindset—or what we set our mind to—is rooted in what we think about or pray about. In this passage, Paul’s mindset is on Jesus. His prayer is intentional and watchful, kingdom advancing, and seeking wisdom towards those without Christ. This is a model for us as we pray. Jesus had a lot to say about prayer as well, and we will look at that in this week’s sermon discussion questions.

SCRIPTURE

COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

“Devote yourselves to prayer being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders, make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14

“What has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.”

TITUS 3:3-7

“At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kind of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out from Andy’s message?
2. Read Colossians 4:2-6. How would you describe kingdom prayer?
3. Read Philippians 1:12-14. What was the blessing of Paul being in chains?
4. Read Titus 3:3-7. Why is it important for believers to share the Gospel with others?

5. Challenge yourself, and make a commitment this week to:

- Choose a place and time to pray.
- Pick a person or persons to pray for.
- Pray for open doors, wisdom, and grace.
- How can we pray for you?

6. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Thank God for wisdom and grace and for opening the door for you to know the Gospel. Ask the Holy Spirit to place on your heart those who need to hear the Gospel from you (your story, who God is, what Jesus has done), and then pray for that person, or persons, by name. Pray for courage to step through open doors.