

Small Group Questions | April 15th, 2018

Kingdom Mission - Prayer ([Colossians 4:2-6](#))

Sermon Recap: Paul urges us: **Don't miss the mission** because the mission begins with prayer and **prayer moves us into mission**. Let us be transformed by praying: steadfastly, watchful, and with thanksgiving as we are challenged to live questionable lives faithfully in culture, with civility toward outsiders.

Hook: *These questions can help encourage conversation.*

1. When was the last time you experienced the fear of missing out on something?
2. Have you ever missed an important event and later regretted it?

Look: *Read the sermon passage. Answer the following textual questions.*

3. According v. 2, what characteristics does Paul give for transformative prayers? What are we to watch for?
4. What is Paul's primary concern as he sits in prison, chained to a guard? How does he hope his message appears?
5. Paul says we are to 'buy up the time' (v. 5). How does he call us to do this? In what direction? Why?

Took: *Applying the message to our lives.*

6. During this series, when will you pray steadfast, watchful, and thankful prayers that are open to God's transformative power? How can you keep yourself accountable?
7. Which rule of respect do you need to begin to apply this week?
8. What are you doing that is making people ask 'what are you doing?'

Rules of Respect (Taken from 2017 GLS)

1. Leaders must set the example on how to differ with others without demonizing them.
2. Leaders must set the example of how to have spirited conversations without "drawing blood."
3. Leaders must not interrupt others who are talking and must not dominate the conversation.
4. Leaders must set the example of limiting their volume levels and refusing to use "incendiary" or "belittling" words that guarantee to derail discussion
5. Leaders must set the example of being courteous in word and deed to everyone at every level.
6. Leaders must never stereotype.
7. Leaders must apologize immediately when they are wrong, instead of denying or doubling down.
8. Leaders must form opinions carefully and start open minded if better information comes along.
9. Leaders must set the example of showing up when they say they are going to show up and doing what they say they are going to do.

10. Leaders must set "Rules of Respect" for everyone in the organization and enforce them relentlessly.