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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Fully devote ourselves to prayer, expressing gratitude for God's blessings.

HEAD CHANGE: Be wise in our interactions with those around

us.

HEART CHANGE: Let your conversations be full of grace. **LIFE CHANGE:** Be in partnership and community with one another as you spread the Gospel.

OVERVIEW

As we read Colossians 4, we are encouraged to embrace the power of prayer and to live in Christ-centered community. We are reminded to devote ourselves to prayer, and through prayer, we can experience God's guidance and strength in our lives. Paul also emphasizes the importance of wisdom in our interactions with those who we interact with every day, making the most of every opportunity to share the gospel with grace and love. As we live out our lives in prayer and wisdom, we get to be a light, impacting our world, and making Christ known.

"Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should."

-Colossians 4:2-4 (NLT)-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What stood out to you in this teaching and why?
- 2. Take some time to evaluate your prayer life. What steps can you take to deepen your prayer life?
- 3. Reflect on a recent interaction you had with a non-believer. Did your words and actions reflect wisdom and grace? How can you make the most of every opportunity to share the Gospel with those you encounter?
- 4. Paul closes his letter with what we call "shout outs." If you were writing a letter that included a list of people you do life with who encourage you in your faith, who would you mention and what would you write about them?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we desire to become more devoted, watchful, and thankful. Help us deepen our relationship with you through consistent prayer. We ask for your wisdom to make the most of every opportunity to share your love and truth, so that our conversations may be full of grace and reflect the beauty of Christ. In Jesus' name, amen.