



“Gospel-Centered Prayer”

Colossians 4:2-6

LISTEN

Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:

SHARE

In verse 3 of this week’s passage, Paul reminds the Colossians that he is “in chains.” He wrote Colossians when he was under house arrest in Rome. Tell about a time when you felt you were “in chains,” that is, when you were in a situation or place that tested your faith and from which you had no power to escape.

REFLECT

a) Read Colossians 4:2-6. Also, go back and read Colossians 1:9-12.

b) In Colossians 4:2-6, what does Paul say about prayer that indicates its power and efficacy?

c) What are some features of Paul’s prayer in 1:9-12 that strike you as important or unusual?

d) Why is prayer not just a duty, but a privilege?

APPLY

a) What would it look like for you to devote yourself to prayer? Challenge yourself, but be realistic.

b) Why is prayer hard?

c) How do you respond when it seems God has not answered your prayer?

d) Why pray, if God has already ordained everything that happens?

PRAY

a) Praise God that Seth Hammond passed his ordination exam before the Central Florida Presbytery last week!

b) Pray for our high school youth group, their director Matt Ryman, and the other student and adult leaders. About 40 students went on a retreat this weekend. Pray that God will develop spiritual depth and a vision for the kingdom in them.

c) Pray for our Christmas Home Gatherings to be an effective and gospel-centered outreach for our church. Many people will soon be hosting gatherings in their homes. Pray for our goal of at least 50 gatherings, and that many will come to Christ through them.

d) Pray for the many in our church who are unemployed and looking for work.