

## Day 36

### Ephesians 6

- 1) Slavery was a part of the social structure of that culture. But Paul's command in verses 5-8 applies to our culture as well. Basically what he is saying is no matter what situation we are in (even if people are treating us badly), we should reflect Christ in all circumstances. Does whether or not you are in a good situation determine if you "serve wholeheartedly?"
- 2) Think about the analogy of the "armor of God" in verses 10-17. Why does Paul use the analogy of armor? Reflect on why each piece of armor is a vital part.
- 3) Anyone who struggles with fear or timidity in sharing the gospel can relate to Paul's request in verses 19-20. Allow God to put someone on your heart and pray this for them. If you struggle with fear, reach out to a Christian mentor or friend and ask them to pray this for you.

## Day 37

### Colossians 1

- 1) In verse 6 Paul says the gospel is "bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world." Think about how much this passage has been proven true since Paul wrote it about 2,000 years ago. But we aren't there yet. How are you contributing to God's mission to share the gospel?
- 2) Verse 15 says that The Son is the image of the invisible God. At times we all struggle to grasp who God really is as far as His character, how he feels about us, what He thinks, etc. Based on the truth in verse 15, what do you know about God?
- 3) Verses 21-23 give a wonderful explanation of the gospel. Take time to meditate on the truth in those verses. Write it down, memorize it, or just read it a few times. This is a great passage to use when explaining the gospel to someone. Take time to think about how you could use this to share the gospel. Would you feel comfortable sharing the gospel with someone today? If not, take this as an opportunity to call a fellow believer to practice to them.

## Day 38

### Colossians 2

- 1) What are some hollow and deceptive worldly philosophies that the world believes? Are there any that you feel tempted to follow? What practical measures have you put in your life to keep you from falling into traps like this?
- 2) Read verses 1-5. Know that this is my prayer for you. This situation we are in right now is unique, but Christians throughout history have struggled with obstacles that prevented them from meeting together at times too. The call for all of us is to persevere and my prayer is that you would be “encouraged in heart and united in love” even in the midst of being apart.
- 3) Verses 16-23 are talking about religious people who have lost connection with Jesus as the head of their faith. What are some examples of how this can lead to sin?

## Day 39

### Colossians 3

- 1) Verses 1-10 explain well how giving into our earthly desires can become detrimental to our faith. Think back to life before quarantine. What needs to change in order for you to set your mind on things above in the future.
- 2) A powerful phrase that we often read past in the Bible is the idea of being transformed into the image of God (verse 10). List reasons why this is such an important mandate. Reflect on how you have been transformed in the past year.
- 3) Reread verses 12-14. Which one of these is the hardest for you? Look for an opportunity to practice that today.

## Day 40

## Colossians 4

- 1) Paul saw so much power in prayer. Are you DEVOTED to prayer? What are some things you should pray about more? Like Epaphras, can you be described as wrestling in prayer for people?
  
- 2) Read verse 5. Do people outside your Christian circle see Christ in your life? Do you look for opportunities to show people who God is? What are some way you can do this?
  
- 3) Devote time to God in intense prayer.