

Prep Steps

“ How to Handle the Challenges of 2021 - Part 2 ”

1. Talk More About Jesus vv. 6b-8

2. Pray, Pray, Pray! vv. 9a



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read Colossians 1:3-8. Given Paul faced many challenges, how did this limit the spreading of the Gospel?
- What does this imply about the Gospel? How did Epaphras play a part? How does this relate to pt#1?
- In what way does this adjust you during challenging times? How can you apply pt#1 this week?

Point #2

- Read Colossians 1:9a. What were Paul's circumstances when he started praying for the Colossian church?
- Why did he start praying? What does this highlight about pt#2 and challenging times?
- How did you typically respond to 2020 challenges? In what way will you apply pt#2 in 2021?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Colossians 1:3-6, Acts 5:12-21, 19:1-10, Philippians 1:12-13

- Given Paul faced many challenges, how did this limit the spreading of the Gospel? Why?
- What can happen if this truth is overlooked? (i.e. how challenges can shut down your evangelism)
- In what way did you see this happen in 2020? Give an example. How does this encourage you?

TUESDAY // Read Colossians 1:3-6, Matthew 13:3-9, 13:18-23, Mark 4:26-32

- Explain what Col 1:6 means by the Gospel "bearing fruit and increasing"? Be specific.
- What does this imply about God's role in people responding to the Gospel? Why is this important?
- How can a man-centered view of the Gospel prevent it from spreading? How does this adjust you?

WEDNESDAY // Read Colossians 1:3-8, Matthew 9:35-38, Romans 10:14-15

- What primary role did Paul highlight about Epaphras' role in the Colossian church?
- In what way does this highlight how God wants the Gospel to spread? How does this apply today?
- In what way have you avoided this responsibility? Why? What changes will you make this week?

THURSDAY // Read Colossians 1:9a, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Ephesians 6:18

- It appears from scripture that the Apostle Paul had a very vibrant and active prayer life. Why?
- In what way do you think this provided him balance and stability? Be specific.
- How does this encourage you going into 2021? What specific steps will you take to be more prayerful?

FRIDAY // Read Colossians 1:9a, Philippians 4:6-7

- What benefits does Paul promise will take place when Christians have an active prayer life?
- Why is this important during challenging times? How would this have been helpful in 2020?
- In what way did you typically respond to the challenges of 2020? How does this adjust you for 2021?

SATURDAY // Read Colossians 1:1-9a

- Explain the four principals that were highlighted the past two Sundays to prepare for 2021?
- What truth speaks to you the most? Why? What was your experience with this in 2020?
- How do you see 2021 being an opportunity for spiritual growth? Pray and commit this to the Lord!

MEDITATION VERSE: *¹⁴ How will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?*
Romans 10:14