

## Action Steps

“ How to Pray in a Productive Way - Part 3 ”

**1.** Engage in an Attitude of Worship v. 12



**2.** Look for New Steps of Faith vv. 13-14



# 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/](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/) or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

### Point #1

- Read Colossians 1:12. Why do you think Paul includes thanksgiving with his prayer for the Colossians?
- Why will it ultimately become an action step? (Hint: parteciple) How does Point #1 accomplish this?
- What are some ways you can start applying Point #1? Take some time in your group right now to practice.

### Point #2

- Read Colossians 1:13-14. Explain the theological truths of verses 13 & 14. How does this reveal God's power?
- Why is this important when it comes to Point #2? How will this ultimately make your prayers productive?
- In what way does this encourage you to step into Point #2? Be specific. How can your group help you?

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## 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](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons).

### **MONDAY // Read Col. 1:12, 3:17, 2 Cor. 1:10-11, Eph. 5:18-20, Phil. 4:6, 1 Thess. 5:16-18**

- Why do you think Paul consistently encouraged churches to be thankful? How did it provide balance?
- What is required in order to pray this way? Give an example. Why is it an ongoing action step?
- How does this challenge your current interactions with God? Take time right now to engage in this way?

### **TUESDAY // Read Colossians 1:12, 1 Chronicles 16:8-9, Psalm 107:1-2, 136:1-3**

- Describe the way the Jews would express their thankful hearts? How is it the same or different than today?
- In what way is today's approach to worship involving music limiting? Give an example.
- How does this adjust your approach to worship? What steps will you take to proclaim a thankful heart?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read Col. 1:12, Eph. 1:1-6, 2 Cor. 3:4-6, Genesis 1:4, John 8:12, 1 John 1:5-7**

- When the Bible talks about "light" what is it referring to? How does that contrast with darkness?
- How did Paul use this metaphor to relate to worship? Why should this encourage every Christian today?
- How does this also bring balance in challenging times? In what way does this encourage you?

### **THURSDAY // Read Colossians 1:13-14, Mark 10:45, John 8:34-36, Galatians 3:13, Titus 2:11-14**

- Explain how today's reading helps explain both Christmas and Good Friday. Why was this necessary?
- Why are words such as "delivered" and "redemption" so important? What does this imply about prayer?
- In what way does this encourage you? Be specific. How will this make a difference for you today?

### **FRIDAY // Read Colossians 1:13-14, Hebrews 11:6, Romans 1:17, 3:27-31, James 1:2-4**

- What is required in order for someone to become a Christian? What does this imply about trusting God?
- Why do you think it pleases God when we continue to walk by faith? What does it reflect?
- Why will this always lead to a productive prayer life? What faith steps does God want you to take?

### **SATURDAY // Read Colossians 1:9-14**

- What truths did Paul model for a productive prayer life? In what way has this adjusted you?
- Why is prayer such an important part of the Christian life? What happens if it isn't a regular practice?
- How would you have described your prayer life before this study? What has changed? Be specific.

**MEDITATION VERSE:** *He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

**Colossians 1:13-14**