

## On Pitch

“ Important Reminders for an Effective Prayer Life - Part 2 ”

**1.** Speak God's Blessing v. 2c

**2.** Be Specific in Your Requests vv. 3-4



# 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 4:2. Summarize the three prayer principles presented in this passage. Why are they important.
- Specifically, what does it mean to pray "with thanksgiving"? Provide some personal examples.
- In what way will this ultimately make your prayers more effective? How does Point #1 adjust you?

### Point #2

- Read Colossians 4:3-4. What principle is Paul teaching about being specific when it comes to prayer requests?
- Why is this important? How does Point #2 relate to a more effective prayer life? (Hint: measurable)
- What topic is God encouraging you to pray about this week? Share how you can specifically apply Point #2.

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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 Colossians 1:10-12, 2:6-7, 3:15, 17, 4:2**

- Why do you think Paul stressed having a thankful heart so many times to this struggling Colossian church?
- In what way could it have been part of their problem? (i.e., discontent, selfish, etc.)
- How does being thankful provide balance and protection? How does this encourage you today?

### **TUESDAY // Read Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:16, Ephesians 5:19-20, Philippians 4:6**

- Why is a thankful heart important during prayer? What can happen when this isn't present?
- When Colossians 4:2 says to pray "with thanksgiving", what would this sound like? Give some examples.
- What typically happens during your prayer time with God? How does this adjust your current approach?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read Colossians 4:2, Matthew 6:10**

- In what way does accepting God's kingdom and being thankful for God's blessing relate to one another?
- Why are these principles important and how will it make your prayer life more effective?
- Take the next ten minutes to practice these principles in prayer with God. What was your experience?

### **THURSDAY // Read Colossians 4:3-4, Ephesians 6:18-20, Philippians 1:3-4, James 5:16**

- Why does Paul ask the churches to pray for him? How does he reciprocate to the Philippian church?
- What does this imply about intercessory prayer and why it's important? Be specific.
- How often do you ask people to pray for you? Why? Who can you ask to pray for you today?

### **FRIDAY // Read Colossians 4:3-4, Matthew 6:11**

- What specific principle did Jesus teach when it comes to prayer requests? How did Paul emphasize this?
- Why will praying in generalities lead to an ineffective prayer life? Give an example.
- How does this adjust the way you currently pray? Take some time to apply this truth now.

### **SATURDAY // Read Colossians 4:3-4, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10**

- In what way did Paul apply the prayer principles in his own life that he was teaching the Colossian church?
- Explain the distinction between the "way" Paul prayed for God's provision and the way God answered.
- What does this reveal about effective praying? How does this encourage you in your prayer life?

**MEDITATION VERSE:** <sup>2</sup>Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup>At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word... **Colossians 4:2-3a**