

Pillars of Church Health – Evangelistic Focus

“At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word...” (Col. 4:3)

Text: Colossians 4:2-4

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Supplemental Text: See passages below

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As you pray for evangelistic opportunities

1) Ask God to open _____ (2-3)

a. Pray the 3 open prayer:

1. Open a _____
2. Open your _____
3. Open my _____

b. Doors to look for: Jeff Iorg, president of Golden Gate Seminary says we should look for the following doors:

1. People _____
2. Things _____
3. Relationships _____
4. Health _____

2) Arm yourself with the _____ (3)

a. You need to mark your Bible for evangelism.

1. Romans 3:10; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23;
Romans 5:8-9; Romans 10:9-10; Romans 10:13.

3) Aim for _____ (4)

a. Every presentation of the Gospel must include the four following focuses:

1. God – God is the creator of everything. God is holy. God loves you.
2. Man – All of us are sinners and our sins separate us from God.
3. Christ – God, in His love for sinners, sent His son Jesus to come and save us. Jesus lived a sinless life and, taking your deserved penalty, died for your sins, He was buried, and He rose again.
4. Response – To have your sins forgiven, you must turn from (repent of) your sins and place your complete trust in Jesus as your Savior and Lord and determine to follow Him with your life.

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message.

- 1) Read Col. 4:2-6. In this section Paul teaches us how to speak to God about people and how to speak to people about God. Why would he tell us to devote ourselves to prayer (Col. 4:2)?
- 2) Paul might have asked the church to pray for his release from prison. What requests does he make instead (Col. 4:3-4)? Why?
- 3) Since God is the one who opens doors for the gospel, take time now to pray these requests for your church family and for a missionary or Christian worker you know (Col. 4:3-4).
- 4) What did Paul say about the Christian's public life? (4:5-6)
- 5) How should believers speak to others? (4:6)
- 6) In what ways might you "be wise in the way you act toward outsiders" and "make the most of every opportunity" (Col. 4:5)?
- 7) Why is prayer important?
- 8) How much time do you devote to prayer each day?
- 9) In what ways is your conversation "seasoned with salt"?
- 10) How well do you relate to unbelievers?
- 11) What non-Christian(s) do you personally know that you can actively begin praying for that God will open a door for the Gospel?