

### Getting To Know You

1. Have you ever posted, emailed, or put something out for public consumption that you regretted doing? If so, what was it? What were the end results?
2. What has been your biggest takeaway in our study through Colossians? Explain.
3. KB said, "This is the church We will rebuke you when you are wrong We will forgive you when you repent, but we will not cancel you when you are down ...for Christ will not cancel us "Cancel culture" is not kingdom culture. We don't just applaud the righteous, we restore the fallen." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
4. Charles Spurgeon said, "True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that. It is a spiritual transaction with the creator of Heaven and Earth." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
5. Rick Warren said, "When you've experienced grace and you feel like you've been forgiven, you're a lot more forgiving of other people. You're a lot more gracious to others". Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
6. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### Digging Deeper

1. In Colossians 4:1, Paul addresses the treatment of slaves/bondservants? What did this look like in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century? How did one in that culture/society become a slave/bondservant? How was this generally financial/debt related? Was there an option to regain your freedom? How is this different than other examples of slavery in the Bible? How is it different than other examples in human history? Was Paul advocating or endorsing this? Explain. What does 1 Corinthians 7:21-24 say? What was Paul's advice/encouragement for slaves/bondservants?

What is your understanding of this subject? How do we address this as the Church?

2. Is social media something that you spend time being a part of? Explain. How is social media used in our culture? How can it be beneficial? What are some of its challenges? Have you ever seen an argument on Social Media? Have you ever been a part of one? Did either side ever convince the other side of their position? Explain. How do the same principles of the tongue/words we speak apply to digital communication? What does the Bible say about or verbal speech and conduct? Do we operate the same way online? Explain.
3. Why is prayer so vital in our lives? What does it produce? How often do you pray before you speak or post? What is something that you could do to help prayer be a filter for you? How would prayer change your communication if you did that? Explain.
4. What does steadfast prayer look like? How is it continual, proactive, and constant in nature? Does this reflect your prayer life? If so, how? If not, how can you develop this kind of prayer life? Why does Paul encourage us to be watchful in prayer? Why is thanksgiving so important? When

you are thankful in your prayer who are you not focused on? Why is it important to take the focus off of yourself? How can it bring a healthy perspective?

Are your prayers evangelistic? If someone were to only be able to observe your social media footprint, would they know that you are a believer? Would others be encouraged or discouraged by what you post? Does it bring glory to God? Does it point people to Jesus?

5. Why do our actions always speak louder than words or posts? What are your actions communicating? Explain.

How do others view you? What would outsiders say about you? Are you gracious to them?

Are your words, speech, and posts graceful? How do you know whether to engage or not? How does wisdom and discernment come into play?

#### Growing Closer

1. Who is someone you shared the gospel with this week?
2. What have you been reading in your quiet times?
3. What has God been teaching you?