

Jesus – Nothing More, Nothing Less
Practice What We Preach AND Preach What We Practice
Colossians 4:2-6
Sermon Notes for November 15, 2020

General Notes:

vs. 2

vs. 3

vs. 4

“Pray that I will practice what I preach AND preach what I practice...for I know deep down that I must.”

5 characteristics to give us courage, and enliven our will and compulsion to tell others the good news of Jesus Christ and then live it out right before their eyes.

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Discussion/Study Guide for Colossians 4:2-6

We hope this guide will help you go deeper into God’s Word and spur you on in obedience to what God is teaching us today. Please feel free to use all or part of it for your group discussion or personal study.

- Read through Colossians 4:2-4 several times. What comes to mind when you think about “devotion?” When was a time you demonstrated devotion toward something?
- Read Acts 1:12-14. What do you imagine the scene to have looked and felt like? Is that model of devoted prayer a reality in these days we live?
- How could you make prayer an area of greater devotion in your life? What could be the effect on others if you did?
- Page back to Colossians 1:19-22, 26-27. What is the mystery of Christ? How is it the same or different than what you have known to be the gospel message?
- Note Paul’s prayer request in verse 3 & 4. How could you make this your prayer request? What do you imagine could change if folks were praying this over you?
- Think of an instance in the past where you have “practiced what you preach.” What effect did that have on you and those around you? How deeply are you compelled to make “practicing what you preach” a part of your daily life?
- Read through Colossians 4:5-6 several times. Write down five characteristics that could give us courage and enliven our will and compulsion to tell others the good news of Jesus Christ and then live it out right before their eyes.
- Consider these five characteristics:
Wisdom Urgency Grace Imagination Readiness
- Which one(s) of the five do you think you are strong in? How could you leverage that one(s) to “practice what you preach and preach what you practice?”
- Which one(s) of the five do you think you have room to grow in? How will you cultivate growth in that characteristic(s) this week so you will more effectively “practice what you preach and preach what you practice?”