

Life Group Leaders Handout

“Pray As You Should”

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Main Text: Colossians 4:2-4

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.”

Main Idea: Jesus is supreme over everyone and everything. Nothing else is needed. This truth should motivate and determine our prayers.

Four charges from the apostle Paul to effective, God-centered prayers.

- 1) Pray with **Dedication**.
- 2) Pray with **Focus**.
- 3) Pray with **Gratitude**.
- 4) Pray with **Godly Vision**.

The apostle was making his request for opened doors in order for him to share the Word from prison. God answered that prayer beyond what Paul could have asked or imagined. (See Philippians 1:12-14.)

For group/family discussion:

1. How have the current circumstances changed how you pray. Is it for the better or worse?
2. How can you begin to pray with a fresh, new abandon, as you pray in the Name above all names?