

Christ, the Church, & COVID19

Week 2: Don't Waste Your Pandemic

Scripture Memory of the Month

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

1 Peter 3:18

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) DISCUSS THE TEXT - ENGAGE THE HEART

Read Collosians 4:2-6

From this passage, what does Paul consider to be key in the task of sharing the gospel? Why is it so important?

What specific things should we be praying for in regards to our mission to share Christ?

Paul prays for an open door for the message of the gospel. What new opportunities for sharing the gospel are you seeing through what is going on? Where might you have a new opportunity that you haven't considered yet?

Making the most of every opportunity means sharing the gospel clearly. Are you comfortable in your ability to clearly present the gospel?

Take a moment to give each person the opportunity to articulate the gospel. During this time consider the following: What would you try to highlight if you were sharing with someone? Is there a particular method that you prefer for “making it clear”? If you don’t feel comfortable what is your plan for growing here so that you might use the “open door” that God may give?

3) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God’s glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

People:

Who can be intentionally living on mission amidst our current situation? (neighbors, coworkers, or a specific demographic in Columbia)

Plan:

Who is one person you can share the gospel with this week? How can that be done under the current constraints? Spend some time praying for these opportunities.

How can we be intentional in times like this about sharing the gospel?

Pray:

Pray for God to help us love him above all else that we may join him boldly in his mission to redeem the world. Pray for those around us that we need to share this with or invite in.