



BREAKING THE ICE

If you were to break down the hours of your week, where do you spend the most time?

Where would you like to spend more time?

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This week, we are in our last week of the Colossians series. Pastor Kevin started the message talking about doors, specifically what doors symbolically mean in our lives.

1. Where have you seen God open opportunity (doors) in your life? Where have you seen the doors shut?

Read Colossians 4:2- 6

When Paul is writing this, he is talking about seeing open doors in unseen situations. Doors are available and ready to be opened in the middle of the difficult times, God is putting them in front of us. We just need to pay attention to them.

2. What kind of doors are you asking God to open in your life right now?

When Paul was looking for open doors, he was looking for opportunities to tell people about Jesus. We are either in with Jesus or not, and as followers of Christ, we have the opportunity to pray for open doors and opportunities to tell people about Him.

When we pray for open doors to tell others about Jesus, we are praying for eternal changes. We can get wrapped up in our own temporary changes here on Earth and forget about the larger need - people need Jesus.

3. When is the last time you prayed for someone to come to know Jesus? How often do you pray for

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others to come to know Him?

In the midst of our circumstances, we can pray like Paul, for open doors to tell others about Jesus. We can get distracted by our next step, next relationship, next job, but we need to remember to pray for the next open door to tell others about Jesus.

In Colossians, it says, “Devote yourselves to prayer, be watchful and thankful.”

4. What does it mean to devote yourself to prayer?

Pastor Kevin said, “It’s not just that prayer changes us, it also changes situations. God answers prayer.” When we spend time in prayer we get to know God. The more time we spend with Him, the more we know Him and can become more like Jesus. When we are more like Jesus, we can better share Him with others.

5. What do your prayer times with God look like? What and who do you pray for?

6. How has your prayer life changed over time?

God also wants us to be watchful for open doors. Be watchful and listening for opportunities to share encouraging words and stop and pray with someone. We should also be watchful and conscientious of the way we live and speak. Pastor Kevin said, “The way you live and the way you speak is what makes the gospel attractive.”

7. Whom do you know that exemplifies Jesus by the way they live and speak?

What have you learned from them?

If we are representing Christ well, by the way we live and by the way we speak, that can create opportunities for us to share Him with those we come in contact with.

When God gives us open doors for new opportunities to talk about Him or new opportunities for our life, we need to thank Him for them. The more gratitude we have for what God has done the more we are reminded that He made a way for us.

When we thank God for what He has done, we are increasing our faith for Him to do more because we have seen Him do it.

8. What do you need to thank God for today?

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for being the answer and always having the last move in our lives. Where we feel fragile in life right now, will your Holy Spirit fill us with the power we need to get through this time? Will you bring peace to those of us who feel fear in our lives? Where we are trying to take control, will you help us release it to you? Give us rest in you, knowing you are not fragile and you delight in us coming to you for your help and guidance. Thank you for your faithfulness and thank you for dying for us. In Jesus name, Amen.

ACTION STEPS

Take some time this week to journal where you have seen Christ's faithfulness to you in the last 6 months. Thank Jesus for how He cares for you and where He has been strong for you.