



SMALL GROUP PRAYER PRACTICUM

“God, Make Us Fruitful”

Week 4 | October 1, 2017 | Colossians 1:9-14

Part 1 – Primer

1. Do you pray? If so, when and why? If not, why not? For those of you who pray, do you tend to schedule times of prayer, run across moments of prayer, or pray as you find a need to pray?
2. What tends to set your agenda for prayer? Is your prayer agenda set in response to your circumstances, by an external structure, by your theology of prayer, by your daily schedule, or some combination thereof?
3. Read Colossians 1:9-14. Paul identifies the purpose of his prayer in verse 10. Where are the places in your life where the fruit of your faith is ripening? What would you identify as the things that are truly “worthy of the Lord” that you are pursuing with your time, energy, gifts, and resources?

Part 2 – Prayer Laboratory – Finding a Godly Focus

Being in the world but not of the world:

- Paul prays in part because he is concerned that the church may be flirting with the pluralism and the permissive-inclusion of their day. He doesn’t want them taken captive by a fad, but living a life that is worthy of God and fruitful. Because he loves them, he wants them to live as holy people, sharing in lives that are characterized by the light of good works, not the darkness of sin.
- Ask God to show you the things of this world that have your attention, your heart, your resources, or the lust of your eyes. Confess those pursuits and desires to God. Ask God to help turn your hunger from the fleeting pleasures of this life to a hunger for fruitfulness in every good work.

Finding your Kingdom Vocation:

- God has given you the opportunity to make an impact for Christ and His Kingdom; to bear fruit and express your faith through good works. Where will you invest in the next 12 weeks to live out your vocation as a follower of Jesus who is pursuing the truly worthy things in life?