

# JESUS >

A STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

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## JESUS > AN ORDINARY LIFE

PASTOR JT

### COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

WHEN YOU FEEL TIRED OF PRAYING, \_\_\_\_\_ THAT GOD SEES YOU, KNOWS WHAT YOU NEED, ALWAYS LISTENS, AND WANTS TO DO A GREAT WORK THROUGH YOU.

THE "MYSTERY OF CHRIST" IS CHRIST'S GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION, THE \_\_\_\_\_.

### COLOSSIANS 1:26-27

\_\_\_\_\_ ARE THE VEHICLE FOR DISCIPLESHIP.

**CHALLENGE:** LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE TO OTHERS; THEN BE ALERT TO WHEN GOD PROMPTS YOU TO MOVE FROM SHOWING HIS LOVE TO THEM TO VERBALLY SHARING IT.

*"You want to know how you're doing in your faith? See how you treat people you disagree with."*

*Bob Goff*

## PASTOR ERIC

THIS IS OUR MOMENT TO \_\_\_\_\_ PEOPLE TO EASTER.

### COLOSSIANS 4:7-9

#### ACCORDING TO CHRISTIAN RESEARCHER THOM RAINER, LIFEWAY PUBLISHING, AND BARN A GROUP:

- 82% OF PEOPLE INVITED TO AN EASTER SERVICE WILL ATTEND.
- 63% OF PEOPLE INVITED TO A NON-HOLIDAY WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICE WILL ATTEND.
- 7 OUT OF 10 UNCHURCHED PEOPLE HAVE NEVER BEEN INVITED TO CHURCH.
- 79% OF UNCHURCHED PEOPLE WOULD BE WILLING TO LISTEN TO AND DIALOGUE WITH A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER WHO VALUES THEIR FAITH.
- 19% OF CHRISTIANS ARE LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIFE TO SHARE THEIR FAITH WITH OTHERS.

*“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.”*

*C. S. Lewis*

THIS IS OUR MOMENT TO \_\_\_\_ THE CHURCH.

### COLOSSIANS 4:10-11

### EPHESIANS 2:19

THIS IS OUR MOMENT TO \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE FUTURE.

### COLOSSIANS 4:12-18

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### 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

*“Start living the stories you want to tell on your 83rd birthday.”*

*Thom Rainer*

**Fill in the blanks:** remember, gospel, relationships, invite, be, invest

*This Study Guide will help you go deeper throughout the week with daily scripture reading and questions for your own personal reflection and application. It is also designed to be used for discussion with your family, friends and Life Group.*

### THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING

Day 1	Colossians 4:2-6
Day 2	Colossians 4:7-8
Day 3	Colossians 4:9-11
Day 4	Colossians 4:12-13
Day 5	Colossians 4:14-18

### DAILY READING JOURNAL

Whether you are reading Colossians for the first time, or have studied it numerous times, we have designed a journal to help you grow in your daily Bible reading. The journal uses the SOAP method, a simple yet powerful tool, to help guide you into deeper understanding and application of the Bible.

## PRAYER & OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE JESUS VERSES 4:2-6

What does it mean to be devoted to prayer? What does it mean to be watchful and thankful (4:2)? Who do you know that is an example of practicing this kind of prayer?

Knowing that Paul was in prison, what is surprising about his prayer request (4:3-4)?

When you are in a difficult situation, what do you tend to pray for? How would your prayer life be different if the focus of your prayers was more like Paul's?

How would you describe your general interactions with people who could be considered "outsiders" to the church (4:5)?

What would it look like in your life this week to "make the most of every opportunity" and live out verse 6 in this week leading up to Easter?

## TYCHICUS VERSES 4:7-8

God used Tychicus in a big way through his small, faithful, out-of-the-spotlight action of delivering the letter to the Colossians. Who is a modern day example for you of someone God uses in a big way through small, faithful, out-of-the-spotlight actions?

What are some "small actions of faithfulness" God is calling you to in your life, work, home, school, neighborhood or church?

## ONESIMUS AND PHILEMON COLOSSIANS 4:9 & PHILEMON 8-20

According to Philemon 15-16, what was Onesimus and what did he do? What does Paul tell Philemon to do about Onesimus?

## MARK COLOSSIANS 4:10 & ACTS 15:36-41

What sorts of things can keep us from welcoming people into the church or back into fellowship?

When has someone in the church welcomed you or welcomed you back? How did it make you feel?

How do Paul's words about Onesimus and Mark challenge us about reconciliation for the people of God?

## JEWISH CHRISTIANS VERSES 4:11

When has another Christian comforted you? How can you be a source of comfort to someone this week?

## CLOSING VERSES 4:12-18

Epaphras was the one who told the Colossians about Jesus! If you've led someone to Christ, what kinds of things do you pray for them now?

## APPLICATION

From this passage how do you want to pray differently this week? Who is one person you will pray for? What is one thing you will focus on? What is one thing you would like prayer for?

## THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Looking back at the book of Colossians, what is one way you will live differently this week because Jesus >?