



Oikos and Prayer | Message by Michael Hinton

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²Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should."

Colossians 4:2-4

You can change your world by developing 3 qualities in your prayer life:

1. Worldchangers pray with **devotion**.

Acts 2:42, 6:3-4

2. Worldchangers pray with **anticipation**.

Mark 14:37-38; Philippians 4:6

3. Worldchangers pray with **intention**.

John 17:20



1. What challenged or encouraged you from this weekend's message?

2. How would you describe your prayer life (intense, lukewarm, sporadic, frustrating, non-existent, or other)? How would you like your prayer life to be different than it is? Why is it so hard to have the prayer life you want?

Read Colossians 4:2-4

3. In advancing the Gospel, what role does prayer play?

4. Being watchful in your prayer life means anticipating and concentrating. What are some practical ways for your prayer life to be watchful? (When you pray, where you pray, the distractions around you, body posture, etc.)

5. What did the Apostle Paul ask the Colossians to pray for (vs. 3-4)? The "mystery of Christ" is the Gospel. How would you sum up the Gospel in a clear way?

6. The Apostle wanted to proclaim the Gospel clearly. What are some roadblocks you have in proclaiming it clearly?

7. What are some of the practical ways you can devote yourself to prayer? How could your group corporately devote yourselves to prayer?

8. As you look at HDC's Core Strategy to change the world (List, Pray, Invest, Invite, Prepare), how does listing your oikos help you in being "devoted to prayer, watchful and thankful"?

Allow your group a few minutes to make sure everyone has least a few names on their oikos card. (If you're having a hard time identifying names, share why—perhaps your group can help.)

9. Spend 15-20 minutes in smaller groups and pray over the names on your oikos cards.

- Pray that God would open a door for you to invest into their life.
- Pray that God would soften their hearts to the message of the Gospel.
- Pray for boldness to share the Gospel with clarity.

