

Today Lee's Summit Community Church comes together in prayer and fasting. Every great move of God in the Bible and in history begins with extraordinary prayer and fasting. We have been called by God to make disciple makers who saturate Lee's Summit with the Gospel. We believe God's primary way of Gospel saturation is through relationships. God has placed you in a neighborhood, possibly a workplace, a school campus, hobby or interest group. You know dozens of people, many of whom have no relationship with God. There is no one better to share the Gospel (the good news) of Jesus with them than you. Our city needs a spiritual breakthrough. Gospel saturation is something only God can do. He wants to use you and me to accomplish this mission. So, today we humbly come to our Father and invite him to do his supernatural work through us.

Grab your Bible, pen and paper. Find a place where you won't be interrupted or distracted. Silence the phone and put it away. Take a few deep breaths and calm your body in preparation to hear from the Father and have a conversation with him.

## READ

Colossians 4:2-6

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

## MEDITATE

What stands out to you in this passage?

Consider reading it in another translation or rewriting it in your own words.

What phrase or idea is the Spirit highlighting for you?

Sit in silence for a few moments and ask the Holy Spirit how he might be inviting you deeper into your own prayer rhythms.

As you sit and listen for the voice of your Father, is there a prayer practice you have been thinking of beginning that you might now commit to regularly integrating into your prayer rhythms?

Are there specific people that Jesus might be leading you to pray for regularly? Write down their names.

## PRAY

We will use Paul's directives to the Colossian believers and pray them over our own people and over our city.

- Pray by name for the people Jesus brings to mind in your relational network, asking the Father to give you "opportunities to speak about Jesus."
- Pray asking the Father to help you proclaim the Gospel clearly. Pray for words to say that are inspired by the Holy Spirit for every opportunity.
- Pray for LSCCers to live wisely among those that are not yet believers. Pray they will have eyes to see and ears to hear the hurts and hopes of these individuals.
- Pray for LSCCers to live lives that are gracious and attractive. Pray that people will ask us about the reason behind the hope that we have.

## READ

Colossians 4:7-18

Tychicus will give you a full report about how I am getting along. He is a beloved brother and faithful helper who serves with me in the Lord's work. I have sent him to you for this very purpose—to let you know how we are doing and to encourage you. I am also sending Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, one of your own people. He and Tychicus will tell you everything that's happening here. Aristarchus, who is in prison with me, sends you his greetings, and so does Mark, Barnabas's cousin. As you were instructed before, make Mark welcome if he comes your way. Jesus (the one we call Justus) also sends his greetings. These are the only Jewish believers among my co-workers; they are working with me here for the Kingdom of God. And what a comfort they have been! Epaphras, a member of your own fellowship and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. He always prays earnestly for you, asking God to make you strong and perfect, fully confident that you are following the whole will of God. I can assure you that he prays hard for you and also for the believers in Laodicea and Hierapolis. Luke, the beloved doctor, sends his greetings, and so does Demas. Please give my greetings to our brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church that meets in her house. After you have read this letter, pass it on to the church at Laodicea so they can read it, too. And you should read the letter I wrote to them. And say to Archippus, "Be sure to carry out the ministry the Lord gave you." Here is my greeting in my own handwriting — Paul. Remember my chains. May God's grace be with you.

## MEDITATE

What stands out to you as you read this passage?

What phrase or idea is the Spirit highlighting for you?

Paul lists many "teammates." He isn't alone. Paul also mentions house churches like the one that meets at Nympha's house, and city churches like Laodicea and Hierapolis.

## PRAY

Pray for two things:

1. Pray for "teammates" for every LSCC'er spreading the Gospel in our city
2. Pray for relational networks for the purpose of Gospel saturation to spring up all over our city and that Jesus will increase the number of friends on mission with us.