

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
MAY 16, 2021

EARNEST PRAYER FOR THE KINGDOM
COLOSSIANS 4:2-4

MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE

Persevere using the privilege of prayer, especially for the preaching of the gospel.

- I. Persevere Using the Privilege of Prayer (v.2)
- II. Persevere Praying for the Preaching of the Gospel (v.3-4)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Do you find praying difficult? Why do you think that is? Are you hindered by specific sin, man-made ideas about prayer, or something else?
2. What should the primary motivation to prayer? In what context does Paul exhort you to pray?
3. How does Paul's prayer request compare to those you ask for or pray yourself? Consider Paul's prayer in Col 1:9-14 and this call to prayer in 4:2-4.
4. Why do we both believe in a sovereign God who has foreordained all things and still pray?
5. How much do you pray for the kingdom and for preaching? What practical steps could you take to pray for this more?

FURTHER READING: Acts 1:14, Acts 2:4, Acts 6:4; Acts 14:27;
Phil 1:12-14