

LG Questions

Spring Wk 6



Big Idea: Helpful instructions for healthy relationships.

Read Colossians 3:18-4:6

18 Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. 22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. 25 Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.

1 Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven. 2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 3 And 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. 4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. 5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

- 1. In this passage on relationships, children are told to obey their parents and slaves (in today's world this principle applies to students/employees) are told to obey their masters. Why do you think the word "obey" is not used with husbands and wives? What is the difference between obey and submit?**
- 2. To "embitter" means to provoke or irritate. What kinds of things can parents do to embitter their children? What steps can parents take to not discourage their child?**
- 3. Work is a gift. What does it mean to work for the Lord? How does "working for the Lord" positively impact your relationship with your employers and co-workers?**
- 4. What does "devote yourself to prayer" look like for you? When do you make time to pray?**

5. Paul tells us to “be wise in the way you act toward outsiders.” Who are some “outsiders” you know? How do you feel you are relating to them with your life and words? What is one change you need God to help you make to better relate to them so they will not be “put off” from Christ?

Prayer Time: *Be transparent and share with your group one relationship in your life that needs work. Take some time lifting those relationships up to the Lord.*