**LifeGroup Study**

**YOU’RE RICHER THAN YOU THINK**

**WORDS: YOUR SUPER POWER**

**Colossians 4:2-6**

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**Participant Notes**

**OVERVIEW:**

Welcome back to our series, You’re Richer Than You Think. This week we’re looking at Colossians 4:2-6. God has given everyone the power of communication, the power of speech, the opportunity to leverage our words in beautiful and strengthening ways. Paul emphasizes three ways in which we are rich in speech. We can use it in prayer. We can use it in proclaiming the Gospel. We can use it our daily interactions with people. The goal of this LifeGroup study is that you would leverage the power of your words for the good of others and the glory of God. This happens as we have a renewed awareness of the power and opportunity to use our words.

**ICEBREAKER:** My Talking Story

Think back to your home environment growing up. Was your home a place where everyone talked a lot? Were there one or two in your family who did most of the talking? Or was your home a place of few words? **Share your talking story with the group!**

**STUDY:**

1. In his teaching on Sunday, Ken talked about how we can leverage our words in beautiful and strengthening ways. **What was a highlight for you from Ken’s teaching?**

“Devote yourselves to prayer,

being watchful and thankful.”

Colossians 4:2

READ: Colossians 4:2-6

For today’s study we’ll focus in on how we are rich in speech when we *pray*. Whether you are new to prayer or a seasoned veteran, all of us can use the power of our words to bless God and others as we pray.

1. Read Colossians 4:2 again. “*Devote* yourselves to prayer …”. What does it look like to be devoted to prayer? **What helps you be devoted to prayer?**

A.C.T.S. – A MODEL FOR PRAYER

A common challenge many have when it comes to prayer is what to say. A.C.T.S. is a simple model you can use to make your prayer time a powerful and meaningful experience. Let’s check out the A.C.T.S. model and talk about how to use our words to pray!

1. **A**DORATION: Praising God for who He is.

READ: Psalm 100 and Matthew 6:9

ADORATION is a powerful way to begin your prayer. This part of your prayer uses your words to praise and worship to God.

* **Why is expressing our adoration of God so important?**
* **How does God make our words powerful as we praise Him?**

1. **C**ONFESSION: Confessing our sin to God and being renewed.

READ: 1 John 1:8-9 and Matthew 6:12

CONFESSION is a time to ask God to search our hearts, to identify any sin in our life and to confess that sin to Him. It is also a time for God to purify our hearts and make us new.

* **Why is confessing our sin so powerful?**
* **What helps you remember to confess to God?**

1. **T**HANKSGIVING: Thanking God for what He’s done.

READ: Psalms 100:4, Philippians 4:6

THANKSGIVING is a time to remember the blessings God has poured into our lives. (see Romans 8:32). Our words are powerful when we use them to thank Him!

* **Why is thanksgiving a powerful part of our prayer?**
* **What helps you use your words to thank God?**

1. **S**upplication: Bringing your needs to Him.

READ: Philippians 4:6, Matthew 6:11

SUPPLICATION is a time to bring our needs to God. God invites us to talk with Him about anything we are worried or anxious about. He is ready to hear our words as we ask Him to provide our daily needs.

* **Why is bringing our needs to God so powerful?**
* **What helps you remember to bring your needs to God?**

**EXPERIENCE GOD**

PRAY with one another using the ACTS model. Note how God uses your words to be powerful as you experience Him in prayer.

**COLOSSIANS DEVOS:**

Each week of this series we have 5 devotionals for you to read on your own.

Read the devos this week and notice how this habit enriches your walk with Jesus!

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**PRAY**

This week, let’s pray for our Global Partner, Impact Ecuador. <https://www.creeksidechurch.ca/carmenbajo/>

* Pastors Fabian and Grace will be with us on Sunday June 12! Pray for their time in Canada to be a time of reconnecting and building new relationships, as well as a time of rest and enjoying their family here!
* Pray for the new vision for the Ministry Centre in Carmen Bajo that is already being realized, for funding, staff and volunteers who can carry the outreach into Carmen Bajo to a new level of effectiveness!