

4. In Colossians 4:5 we're told to "Live wisely among those who are not believers..." In light of our mission as Jesus' followers, what are some examples of wise and unwise conduct in the current climate?

5. **Romans 12:14-16a (NIV) says, "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another." What are some ways we can live this out in the situations we're facing right now?**

6. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to *know* and what you need to *do* in response to what you've heard and read this week. Write here what comes to mind. Share your answer with your group if appropriate.

IN YOUR GROUP

TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the **bold** questions above. In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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Growth Guide

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020

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MESSAGE NOTES

FAITH OVER FEAR

TODAY: MOTIVATION • COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

THE BOTTOM LINE

**ANYTHING THAT DOES NOT COME FROM
FAITH IS SIN.**

...anything that does not come from faith is sin.

– Romans 14:23b

PEOPLE NEED A LITTLE EXTRA GRACE;

WE CAN GET WHAT WE NEED OURSELVES

(AND SOME TO SHARE) FROM THE SOURCE!

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." – John 14:27 NLT

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives:

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

– Galatians 5:22-23a NLT

(Church, this is your opportunity to SHINE, in the way you respond to your circumstances, and in the way you respond to others.)

OTHERWISE WE MAY FIND OURSELVES BEING RULED

BY OUR FEARS RATHER THAN FAITH

In the Lord I take refuge; How can you say to my soul, "Flee...
behold, the wicked bend the bow...If the foundations are
destroyed, What can the righteous do?"
– Psalm 11:1, 3-4a NASB

...anything that does not come from faith is sin.
– Romans 14:23b

(Consider Jesus' life of prayer, healing & teaching:)

PRAY: GET FAITH

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful
heart. – Colossians 4:2 NLT

(Experiencing God: Pray, and watch what happens next.)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by
prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to
God. And the peace of God, which transcends all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ
Jesus. – Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

WE ARE A PEOPLE ON MISSION WITH A MESSAGE!

Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to
speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ.
– Colossians 4:3a NLT

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Let us celebrate your decision

& resource you for your new life in Christ.

Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.
– Colossians 4:4 NLT

"It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult
for the Gentiles who are turning to God." – Acts 15:19 NIV

WALK: LIVE FAITH

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the
most of every opportunity. – Colossians 4:5 NLT

(Think open doors and grabbing bargains.)

TALK: SHARE FAITH

Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will
have the right response for everyone. – Colossians 4:6 NLT

(Gifts & seasoning, tailored to the person.)

THE CHALLENGE

"Devote yourself to prayer."

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(Make every conversation a gift.)

ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.

- 1. Where have you seen people's fear turn into other emotions? What emotions are you experiencing and observing in others? Could these be rooted in fear too?**
- 2. If prayer is a two-way conversation, can you give an example of how God has spoken to you through his Word, his Spirit, or his people?**
- 3. Review Galatians 5:22-23a (which lists the fruit of the Spirit). Which one(s) do you need most right now? Express that desire as a prayer, or ask someone else to pray for you.**