State of Bethel Church Pastor Geoff Safford February 5, 2023

Colossians 1:3-6; 2 Peter; 1 Corinthians 6

Connection Group Questions:

Opening up: Think and discuss a time when your words got you in trouble!

Digging in: Read Colossians 1:3-6, 9-13

- How does prayer play into the whole aspect of living the gospel?
- What does the word "hope" mean in verse 5?
- Discuss what it means to live the gospel from this passage.
 - What did it mean for those living in Colossae?
 - What does it mean for us today in North Platte/Lincoln County?
- How would you describe the gospel in 60 seconds?
- · What does Colossians 3:12-15 tell us about relationships?
- How does authenticity play a role in our loving others?
- Discuss what it sounds like to let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly?
- How do you interpret Colossians 3:23? What does it mean for our vocation?
- How do our words make a difference according to Colossians 4:5-6?

Making it yours:

- What is your takeaway from this passage?
- How do this passages help us set a course for 2023?

Prayer time:

- Pray for Bethel to be a place where everyone feels welcome.
- Ask God to give us wisdom and insight into those that are a part of our sphere of influence.
- Pray for those on the Bethel prayer sheet and for the requests of your group.