

Discussion Guide: March 15 E-Group

Sermon: Colossians 4:2-6, "Speak"

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Questions:

1. Why do we find praying difficult? What should motivate us to pray? When you pray, what are the usual subjects of your prayers? How would your prayers change if they were fed and led by Paul's prayer in 1:9-14 and his call to pray in 4:2-4?
2. Is evangelism the responsibility of all Christians or only of gifted folks such as ministers or evangelists? Explain your answer.

What would it take for you to "step up" and take hold of that responsibility?

3. Can you think of occasions when your conduct toward outsiders has opened a door for the gospel? How did that happen?
4. Why do you think Paul injects the phrase "*making the best use of the time*" in his appeal to "walk in wisdom toward outsiders?"
5. What do you think it might mean for your speech to be "gracious, seasoned with salt?"
6. Think of a particular person/people who are outsiders that you have some kind of contact with. How might you apply this passage in your relationship to them?

FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN THE HOME:

What are one or two things about tonight's discussion that you can model, explain, and/or apply to your children?