



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Colossians – Making a gospel impact in the lives of others

GETTING STARTED

How did you hear about the good news of Jesus? Who has made a difference in your life (a gospel impact) on your life?

How was prayer, living wisely and someone's speech "full of grace and seasoned with salt"(NIV) made a difference in your life? Why/how?

QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?

What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

READ THE PASSAGE — COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

1. How could you imagine devoting yourself to prayer with an alert mind and thankful heart be connected to opportunities for us to proclaim the message clearly to others? Who are our prayers mostly directed for?
2. What simple way could you begin to devout yourself to pray that God would open up opportunities for you to share your faith?
3. How does knowing that Paul is speaking from prison for his faith about how we are to share our faith inform your attitude towards others and circumstances around you?
4. What does it mean for you to live wisely among those who are not believers? In light of our culture (everything this is wrong), what would it look like for you to live wisely in your workplace, family, neighborhood?
5. In what way do we and the church need to look with new eyes on how to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith?
6. Why does Paul emphasize how we talk/have conversation with others?
7. In what way have you seen other believers do this unwisely? Wisely?
8. In what way would taking notice of, asking questions of, being interested in those around us increase our opportunities to share the gospel?
9. What do you fear most thinking about sharing your faith? How do Paul's commands give you a new strategy to share your faith?

APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in this passage?

What do you need to stop, start or do differently as a result of reading this passage?

How can we pray for each other?