

PULPIT DRIVEN DISCIPLESHIP

CARRYING DISCIPLESHIP HOME AND BEYOND



Colossians 4:2-6

DAILY STUDY

- Pray: Ask the Lord to reveal His intention for the text
- Read the passage
- Think about Pastor Jonathan's "Big Idea"
- Who would God have you share this study this week?
- Reach out to others to discuss this together

DISCUSS

1. What are some of the gospel motivations for sharing Christ with others?
2. What are some common reasons (or fears) that keep believers from sharing our faith? How do you think God, through his word, would challenge us to overcome these?
3. When you see "outsiders" to the faith, how do you tend to see them? How does Jesus see them?
4. As you consider all the spheres of influence in which God has placed you (work, family, leisure, school, church, etc.), can you identify some open doors of opportunity to influence people for Christ within these spheres?
5. Why is it most effective to both *tell* people about Jesus and *show* people the love of Jesus in your actions? What happens when we do only one but not the other?
6. How could you let your speech be more full of grace and seasoned with salt?
7. As you pray this week, are there some specific people you know who are non-believers? Pray for them by name. Then pray about ways the Lord can use you to reach them?

**BIG IDEA: AS CHRISTIANS WHO BELIEVE
THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL, WE
NOW PRAY THAT GOD WILL USE US TO
PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO OTHERS.**

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Pray for Ourselves
2. Pray for Open Doors
3. Pray for Open Mouths
 - a. Proclaim the Word
 - b. Proclaim Clearly
 - c. Proclaim with Grace and Salt
 - d. Proclaim with Conviction



Adapting Discussion Questions

The "Adapting Questions" are designed to be general for many age groups and believers in various stages of their walk with Christ. Here are some ideas of ways to adapt these questions to make them applicable to the group God is calling you to learn with.

YOUNG CHILDREN

1. Since this week's passage talks about sharing the gospel and praying for opportunities to share the gospel, this is a good time to ask your children if they know what the gospel is.
 - a. Review these Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15: 3-4, Romans 1:16-17, 3:23, 5:8, 6:23, 10:9, and 1 John 4:10.
2. Ask your children if they can describe prayer. Why do we pray? To whom do we pray?
 - a. Colossians 4:2 speaks of "being watchful" in prayer. Ask your children what they think that means.
3. Ask your children why they think we are instructed to pray for opportunities to share the gospel in verse 3. Take time to pray with your children for God to open doors this week to tell others about Jesus.
4. What does it mean in verse 6 to "let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt"? It may help your children to read the NLT translation, which says "Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone."

NON-BELIEVERS OR NEW BELIEVERS

- If you are not a believer, what are some of your biggest questions or objections at this point? Are you truly seeking answers?
- In order to believe the gospel, one must have a clear understanding of the gospel. Has anyone ever fully explained the gospel to you? We urge you to let someone sit down with you to do that. Would you also consider contacting our church about this?
- Experience shows that new believers are often the most effective evangelists. Why do you think this is? As new believers, how do you see God using you at the moment to reach others?
- If you are a believer, then who were some of the people who had the biggest impact on you becoming a believer? Why and how were they so impactful?

STUDENTS

1. Paul places the idea of being thankful and watchful within the framework of prayer. How can we apply these concepts to our prayer life?
2. This is the third time Paul has mentioned being thankful in Colossians. What do Colossians 1:3 and 3:15 tell us about Paul's view of thankfulness? When is he thankful? Why is he thankful?
3. For what should we be praying (4:3)? Who opens doors (4:3)?
4. Why would Paul choose the term "mystery" to describe Christ (4:3)? Think about this question in light of Paul's imprisonment and suffering. Paul also discusses mystery in Colossian 1:26 and 2:2. What do these passages tell us about his view of mystery? (Also see Eph 1:9, 3:3, 5:32 and 6:19).
5. Paul tells us to make the best use of our time (4:5). He is referencing how we spend our time with people who don't believe in Jesus ("outsiders" to the faith). In light of this, what should our relationships with people who don't believe in Jesus look like?
6. How should we speak to other people (4:6)? How can we be gracious with other people?
7. Read Mark 9:50. What does it mean to season our relationships with salt? How will seasoning our relationships help us answer each person (Col 4:6)? What happens when salt is missing?

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