Discussion Guide

Prayer & Proclamation

November 29, 2026

PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.

This last week we continued in Colossians 3, where we discussed submission to others out of reverence for Christ. Now, as we continue through Colossians 4, our verses this week are all about being thankfulness, prayer, and intentional relational evanglism. One of the main themes we see in this section of text is the idea of living in a manner that is representative of Christ.

- If you could have a quick 30-minute conversation with anyone who has ever existed (except Jesus, obviously), who would it be, and what would you want to talk about?

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PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ COLOSSIANS 4:2-6 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- Paul tells the Colossians to "continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving." What do you think it means to pray with devotion, watchfulness, and thankfulness? (v. 4:2)
- Why do you think Paul asks the Colossians to pray for him and his ministry, particularly that God would open a door for the word? (vv. 4:3-4)
- Paul says, "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time." What do you think it looks like to walk in wisdom around those who do not share in our Christian faith?(v. 4:5)
- Paul says, "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." What do you think the imagery of "salt" communicates about the way we should speak to others? (v. 4:6)

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PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- How would you describe your current prayer life? Are you devoted, watchful, and thankful in prayer? This is not to produce shame, but highlight some areas that we can help each other grow in consistency.
- Who is someone in your life that you could be praying for an open door to share your testimony about Jesus?
- When, or if, you interact with people who are not Christian, what is your reaction? Do you withdraw, argue, or engage with wisdom? What would it look like for you to make the best use of the open doors God gives you?
- If someone listened to you or watched you throughout the week, would they recognize Christ in your life? Are your words encouraging, honest, and graceful? Are your actions representative of Jesus? What is one way you can look more like Jesus this week?

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KEY VERSE:
Colossians 4:2
"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving"

NEXT STEPS:

- I will strive to pray with courageous persistence and watchfulness for:
  - My church
  - My family
  - My friends
  - My neighbors
  - My country
  - _____
- I will live out my faith in a manner which exemplifies Christ, buying up the opportunity to speak on his behalf.