

Praying to Share Jesus

Colossians 4:2-6

Key Verse: 2-3

1. How did Paul admonish the Colossians? (2) How can you devote yourself to prayer? (Col 4:12, Col 1:9, 1 Sam 12:23, Psalm 55:16,17, Luke 18:1, Phil 4:6) How does prayer make you watchful and thankful? Why is it important to be watchful and thankful?
2. What were Paul's prayer requests? (3,4) Why did he ask for these instead of being released from prison? Why should we ask God to "open a door for our message?" (Ac 14:7, 1 Cor 16:9) Why do you think prayer to share the gospel is so important? (Rom 15:30-32 and Eph 6:19) Do you pray for those who are preachers among you? Why or why not?
3. What does Paul mean by "the mystery of Christ?" Why is it a mystery? (Matt 13:11) Why is it important to proclaim the mystery of Christ clearly? How can the gospel NOT be proclaimed clearly? How can the gospel be proclaimed clearly? What do Paul's chains tell us about his commitment to the message?
4. How did Paul tell them to deal with outsiders? (5,6) Why is it important to be wise in the way you act toward outsiders? How can we make the most out of every opportunity? (see also v.2) Are there any opportunities you missed, and how would you make the most of it if you could have another chance?
5. What are your conversations usually like? How would you change them to be full of grace? What comes to mind when you read, "seasoned with salt," and how can that be applied to your conversation? What questions and/or accusations should you always be prepared to answer (also see 1 Pet 3:15)? How does this all tie back to prayer? What can we learn here about how God uses us to open the door for the gospel? (Eph 5:15-21)