

EVERYDAY WITNESS – PROCLAIMING WITNESSES

SMALL GROUP NOTES 28/04/19

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SCRIPTURE

- Luke 4:16-22
- Colossians 4:5-6

SCRIPTURE CONTEXT

Scripture teaches us that, as we spend time with unbelievers, we need to remember that we are called to be witnesses of Jesus and a key way we do that is by talking about him. Jesus' proclamation in Luke 4 comes from the word of God as he quotes Isaiah and points to how he is the fulfilment of God's promises. This is exactly what we are called to do, with confidence that our proclaiming comes from the word of God and pointing people to Jesus. We see in Colossians Paul calls us to make the best use of our time, a key part of this will be taking the opportunities to proclaim Christ. As we proclaim Jesus we must ensure we do it in a kind and gracious way. Our aim is not to win an argument nor prove we are right but to love those we share with.

QUESTION FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. In Luke 4, we see Jesus return home to proclaim the good news about himself to those who know him. How do you initially react to the thought of talking to those you know who don't believe in Jesus about Jesus?
2. In the same passage, Jesus quotes Scripture from Isaiah. When talking to unbelievers, do you think more about your own words or using God's word? Does anyone have key verses/passages they find helpful to learn ready for conversations with unbelievers?
3. In Colossians 4:6 as well as in Luke 4:22, we see we need to be gracious in our words. What does this mean in reality? How can we do this well without compromising the gospel?
4. Share any stories of times you have stepped out in proclaiming Jesus and the gospel to unbelievers. We need to hear both the stories that "went well" and those that "didn't go well" as both are the reality of talking to people about Jesus! If you cannot recall any for yourself, feel free to talk about someone you would like to talk to about Jesus and pray into that.