



# SUMMER

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*Scriptures for further study*

Matthew 5:13 | 1 Peter 3:15-16 | Proverbs 16:23 | 1 Corinthians 1:28-31

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Colossians 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

1. As believers we are called to live in such a way that we establish the credibility of our faith in Christ, therefore making the most of every opportunity to engage with the world and point people to the Savior. In Colossians 4:5-6, Paul encourages believers to present an attractive and engaging testimony to non-believers. How does he expect his readers to minister to those outside the community of faith?
2. In James 3:13-14 and Luke 14:7-11, we are encouraged to walk in humility. What did this kind of humility look like in Paul's day? What would this kind of humility look like in today's world? Is there a difference?
3. Every person is valuable and loved by God. Every encounter is arranged by God...there are no random encounters. Briefly comment on the following examples out of the life of Jesus: Mark 10:17-27 (rich young ruler), John 4 (woman at the well), Matthew 9:9-13 (tax collectors). What encounters have you experienced that were divine appointments? How do we become spiritually sensitive to each encounter as a divine opportunity to share our faith?
4. In verse 6, speaking wisely involves using gracious words as well as words that are seasoned with salt—the right amount of salt. What does it mean to speak graciously? What does it mean to season your speech with salt?
5. As believers, we live in a hostile context; therefore, the need to be ready for those who challenge or are curious about our faith is incredibly important. What are some ways we can be ready for the hostiles or the curious seekers?
6. In Colossians 3:15-17, how do we apply these verses to believers effectively engaging non-believers?