

## SERMON GROUP STUDY GUIDE

What was the most significant thing you learned from the sermon or something in the sermon you didn't quite understand?

### INTRO

You've maybe heard it said, "You can't out-preach your prayer life." What does your prayer life say about how much you depend on God?

### DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

- What words does Paul use to describe what our prayer life should look like?
- What keeps us from praying? Be honest, what actually stops you?
- What prayer request did Paul ask the Colossians to pray?
- How does "toward outsiders" affect what wisdom looks like when others don't value it—or reject it entirely?
- How does Paul's use of the "wisdom" and "knowledge" in Colossians 1:9 and 2:2-3 to help us interpret the way he uses it here in Colossians 4:5?
- What words does Paul use to describe how we should speak?
- What does "answer each person" teach us about how we share the gospel?

*"The revelation of God in Christ has already been given in history, and written in Scripture. But It must also be spoken by God's servants if people's minds are to be opened to the truth." - Dick Lucas*

### TAKEAWAYS

#### NEVER STOP PRAYING

*Acts 2:42; Ephesians 6:18-20; Colossians 1:29*

- Are you regularly praying for others?
- If the Apostle Paul depended on others praying for him to speak clearly and boldly, what does that say about how much you and other members of the church actually need prayer?
- What specific gospel-giving opportunities are you asking God to provide? - Whose heart are you consistently praying He would soften for the message of Christ?

#### FOLLOW AFTER CHRIST

*Colossians 2:2-3; Hebrews 12:2*

- If Jesus is where real wisdom is found, what do your everyday choices say about who you're actually following?
- What's one way you can better fix your eyes on Christ this week and take a real step forward in following Him?

### KNOWLEDGE APPLIED

What does this teach us about people? About Jesus? How will we better obey Christ based on what we've just learned? Who will we share this with?