

## **Scripture:**

Colossians 4:2-6

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

## **Notes:**

### Steadfast Prayer

- Pray for Bethel
- Our prayers should be earnest
- Seek God's will in prayer
- John 15:7

### Alert Prayer

- God wants our best
- Have awake prayer time
- Your best involves giving God your most superior work

### Pray with Thanksgiving

- Thank God for daily bread
- Thank God for His abundant grace
- Thank God on your worst day
- Romans 8:28
- God creates us for His glory
- God uses our hardships even though we can't always see it
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

### What to pray for

- Pray for an open door
- God's Word is active! (Hebrews 4:12)
- Acts 14:27
- 1 Corinthians 16:9
- 2 Corinthians 2:12

### Adversaries

- Paul was in prison for Christ
- Paul did not let chains discourage him
- Continue praying, sharing the Gospel
- Redemption is for ALL (no partiality)

## Be Bold

- We are all called to be ambassadors
- We all play a different role
- Pray for evangelists
- Live a life that invites faith-based questions
- 1 Peter 3:15

## Wise Witnessing

- Walk in wisdom towards outsiders
- Know your audience
- Different personalities require different approaches
- Explain the mystery

## Gracious Speech

- Our words matters
- Be gracious to those you disagree with
- Our speech can promote or demote our witness
- The church should have unity
- Beware of the enemy

"The chief aim of the enemy's assaults is to get rid of Christ, to get rid of the atonement, to get rid of his suffering in the place of men."

- Charles Spurgeon

"A common vision can unite people of very different temperaments."

- Tim Keller

## Action Items

1. Create space in your day for intentional, earnest prayer time.
2. Pray for those who are unsaved. Pray specifically for people by name
3. Evaluate your speech. Ask someone close to you for help.