

Sermon Notes

Mission
(Colossians 4:2-6)

1. True Mission is a Partnership

*"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak."
(vs. 2-4)*

2. True Mission is a Lifestyle

*"Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity."
(vs. 5)*

3. True Mission is Personal

*"Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person."
(vs. 6)*

3-30-14

For Further Thought And Discussion

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. Please read John 17:18. What do you think Jesus means? What does this verse tell you about God's will for your life?

Going Deeper

1. Please read Colossians 4:2-4. Do you find it easy or difficult to ask people to pray for you? Why? What in these verses would make the greatest impact on your personal prayer life if you were to apply it consistently? Why does Paul need the prayers of the Colossians? What do these verses imply about the mission Jesus has given to us? When has a door opened for you because of the prayers of others? When have you seen God enable you to do something you could not do otherwise? Why is it critical that we understand that true mission is a partnership? How might believing that Christ is your partner in mission change you?
2. Please read Colossians 4:5. What are the situations in your life where you need to "conduct yourself with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity?" What opportunities did you realize later that you missed? What opportunities have you taken? What was the result? Why is it critical that we understand that true mission is a lifestyle?
3. Please read Colossians 4:6. Why must mission ultimately always be personal? What lessons do you learn from this verse about effective communication? How did Jesus exemplify this in His life and ministry? Who currently exemplifies gracious and salty speech to you? How can we learn how to respond to each person?

Application

What is one lesson you will apply from this week's discussion?
How will you apply it?