

## WITNESSING THAT MAKES SENSE

### Colossians 4:2-6

*Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; <sup>3</sup>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; <sup>4</sup>that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. <sup>5</sup>Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup>Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.*  
Colossians 4:2-6 (New American Standard Bible)

#### Three keys to witnessing that make sense

### ➤ WE WITNESS THROUGH OUR PRAYERS.

#### How should I pray?

1. Pray persistently.
2. Pray alertly.
3. Pray for opportunities. Be prepared for God to answer in unexpected ways. (See Philippians 1:12-14).
4. Pray for clarity.

*So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him.*  
Colossians 2:6 (New International Version)

#### The Roman's Road to Salvation

- Every person is a sinner (Romans 3:23).
- God's penalty for sin is spiritual death (Romans 6:23).
- In His great love, God has made a provision for the forgiveness of sins and the salvation of all (Romans 5:8).
- Each person must put his or her trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9-10).

### ➤ WE WITNESS THROUGH OUR CONDUCT.

*Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of every opportunity.* Colossians 4:5 (NASB)

#### How should I live?

1. Live wisely. Remember that people are watching you. Don't give them an excuse to reject the Gospel.

*Live such good lives among pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*  
1 Peter 2:12 (NIV)

2. Live with a sense of urgency.

*"Redeeming the time"* – capitalizing on every opportunity

### ➤ WE WITNESS THROUGH OUR SPEECH.

*Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.* Colossians 4:6 (NASB)

#### How should I speak?

1. Speak graciously.

*Instead, speaking truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.* Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)

2. Speak intelligently.

*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*  
1 Peter 3:15b (NIV)

### ➤ APPLICATION

- For whom do I need to be praying – that they will be open to receiving Jesus?

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- Where is my open door? \_\_\_\_\_
- What do my actions and speech teach others about Jesus Christ?

***To be a Christ-centered community,  
active in producing more and better disciples!***