SERMON OUTLINE Colossians 4:2-6

Be Steadfast in Prayer and Walk in Wisdom - Part 2

STEADFAST IN PRAYER (2-4)

WALKING IN WISDOM (5-6)

Care About How You Live Among Non-Christians (5a)

Making the Best Use of the Time (5b)

Speak Graciously (6a)

Speak Saltily (6b)

Learn How to Answer Well (6c)

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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea is that we honor God when life is hard by continuing steadfastly in prayer and walking in wisdom—especially for and among non-Christians. Let us, therefore, pray and obey, Grace.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What do you think would happen if you were to prioritize evangelism when your life is in the trickiest, most confusing spot?
3. Have you been more steadfast in prayer for non-Christians this past week?
4. Do you pay particular care about how you act and talk around non-CHristians? Why/not? What does it look like when you do?
5. Can you think of a time in which your actions toward an outsider were inconsistent with the gospel?
6. Have you ever walked in wisdom, but an outsider felt differently or tried to act more sanctified than you are for an outsider?
7. Is evangelism prioritized in your schedule? How? Do you prioritize evangelism when you're with non-Christians? How?
8. Would the non-Christians describe you as gracious (winsome, kind)? What does it look like for the gospel to be offensive?
9. Is your speech typically "salty" among non-Christians? If not, why not? If so, how?
10. Are you typically caught off guard by outsiders asking or talking about Jesus?
11. Are you a good listener when you're with outsiders? What's the percentage of talking/listening?
12. Have you ever heard of apologetics? W
13. What's your experience been with evangelism? What's one thing you could do now to grow in it?
14. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

15. Write out the gospel in a paragraph, using only the Bible. Find someone to practice sharing the gospel with.
16. Pray that you'd share the gospel with three non-Christian friends and that God would grant them regenerating grace.
17. Find one way to prioritize evangelism in your schedule and one way to prioritize evangelism when you're with non-Christians.
18. Ask three different people what their evangelism looks like.
19. Read a book or watch a video on apologetics. Consider the tougher things non-Christians have said/asked you.
20. Find one way to speak in a salty way this week.
21. Pick one specific thing you mean to do differently, with the Spirit's help, as a result of the things you heard in this text/sermon.

PRAYER POINTS

22. Adoration. Praise God that He is all-present and all-knowing. Praise God for His unending mercy and Grace in Christ. Praise God for being Trinitarian. Praise Jesus for dying, raising, and advocating. Praise the Spirit for His power, holiness, and love.
23. Confession. Confess prayerlessness, fear, a lack of love, laziness, faithlessness, selfishness, wrong priorities, a lack of discipline, pride, distraction, and anything else that is keeping you from a robust prayer life and a life of faithful ministry.
24. Thanksgiving. Thank God for every good thing you can think of. Thank God for saving you. Thank God for giving you His Word and knowledge of His will. Thank God for a church that teaches and models godliness in prayer and evangelism. Thank God for any good examples in your life of steadfast prayer and walking in wisdom.
25. Supplication. Ask God to save three specific people in your life. Ask God to make us a more faithful and prayerful church. Ask God to give us an increased burden to evangelize our neighbors. Ask God to make us steadfast, alert, thankful, and fruitful in prayer and ministry. Ask God to cause us to treasure Jesus above everything.

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