



## Group Guide

# Proclaiming Faith

*April 13, 2025*

## Main Passage: Colossians 4:2-18

### Theological Theme

Our text today includes important instructions for approaching prayer and sharing the gospel. Believers are to treat prayer as a serious matter and set the gospel as a priority, acting and speaking wisely and praying that God will open doors for His message to be shared.

### Introduction

- ❓ Can you think of a time when you did not give up even though the odds were seemingly stacked against you? What happened?
- ❓ Why is this type of attitude important for the Christian life?

### 1. Open Doors (Colossians 4:2-4)

The heading above Colossians 4:2-6 in the CSB Study Bible is “Speaking to God and Others.” Both speaking to God and intentionally speaking to others with the Great Commission in mind are essential parts of living a faithful Christian life. Paul addressed both as he closed out his letter to the Colossians.

- ❓ What does it mean to devote ourselves to prayer and be alert in it (v. 2)? What does this look like?
- ❓ What role does prayer play in sharing the gospel?
- ❓ Application: Where has God opened doors for you to share the truth about Jesus with others? How are you responding?

### 2. Act Wisely (Colossians 4:5-6)

In these verses, Paul instructed us to “act wisely toward outsiders” (v.5), but what does that mean? Remember the priority Paul placed on the gospel. When we act wisely as Paul instructed, we understand that our actions affect the witness we offer, and we act accordingly.

- ❓ What do you think it means to “act wisely toward outsiders” (v.5)?
- ❓ How would you summarize Paul’s instruction regarding speech in verse 6?
- ❓ Application: How can we pursue careful and intentional speech daily?

### 3. Final Greetings (Colossians 4:7-18)

Paul knew relationships are a first step to sharing the good news, and he put in the work to build them everywhere he went. To close his letter, Paul mentioned several of these relationships.

- ❓ What does this passage teach us about how Paul approached sharing the gospel?
- ❓ What can we learn about Christian community from this passage?
- ❓ Application: How can our group be more intentional about relationship building with a goal of sharing the gospel in our lives?

### Conclusion

- ❓ Does prayer feel natural to you? If yes, share how have you integrated it into your life. If not, share how and why you think you struggle.
- ❓ Write down one to three names of people in your life that do not know Jesus as Savior. This week, begin praying for them and ask God to use you to reach them.
- ❓ What are some ways we can work to be more gracious and seasoned in our speech? How do you struggle with this?