



Mission Impossible? (Colossians 4:2-6)

Focus #1: Prayer

- A. Personal prayer commitment (2)
Alert and Thankful
- B. Pray for open doors to proclaim the Gospel (3)
- C. Pray for the messengers - clarity (4)

Focus #2: Practice

- A. Living with Wisdom (5a)
Knowledge → *Behavior* (Integrity)
- B. Seizing the Day - "Carpe Diem" (5b)
- C. Speaking with Grace (6a)
- D. Choosing our words wisely (6b)
Seasoned with Salt (Attractive)
- E. Knowing your audience (6c)

Matthew 28:19-20: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Colossians 4:2-6: Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ 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 – ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Discussion Questions:

1. Billy Graham wrote, "Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask." What do you think he meant by that? Discuss
2. Does your daily behavior match your identity as a believer in Jesus? What area of your life do you need to improve in? Discuss.
3. Are their relationships in your life where it is time to seize the day and share the gospel with your friend who does not know Christ? Discuss.
4. Words matter. Do the words you use when you talk about your faith make a relationship with Jesus attractive?
5. Who are the unsaved people that God has put in your life? Discuss. Take some time to pray for the people who do not have a relationship with God in your life, and those you have not met yet that have no relationship with Him. Pray through the list in Focus #2 asking that God prepares you for His mission to reach people with the gospel.