Getting to Know You

- 1. Tell about a lie that you believed that ended up impacting your life in a funny or profound way.
- 2. What is your most bizarre story about sharing the gospel?

Into the Bible

Read Colossians 4:5-6

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.

- 1. Why do you think Paul emphasizes being "wise toward outsiders" (Col. 4:5)?
- 2. What was something from the passage or sermon that surprised you, helped you, confused you, or bothered you?
- 3. What does this passage tell us about God? People? Living to please God?
- 4. Revisit the sermon's reasons for Christianity being counter-cultural. Can you come up with other ways it is counter-cultural?
- 5. Besides love, justice, truth, death, what are some other ways you can say Christianity is relevant to today's culture?
- 6. Why is it so hard to wait for God's justice?
- 7. Tell a time where you have been hurt by a lie or by not knowing the real truth.
- 8. Why is "truth" such a controversial concept in today's culture?
- 9. What are some ways to be wise in the way you act towards outsiders?
- 10. What makes Christian love different from worldly definitions of love?
- 11. Christians usually hear that we shouldn't fear death. Even though we know we are going to heaven, is it ok to fear death?
- 12. Knowing that God fully knows and loves us, what things have you done or experienced where you have felt closest to God. Or when have you felt closest to God?

Application Questions

- 1. What's one area in your life where you could "make the most of every opportunity" with outsiders?
- 2. How can you practice speaking words that are "full of grace" this week?
- 3. What's one conversation you've been avoiding that God might want you to season with salt?
- 4. What step could you take to anchor your decisions more in God's truth rather than culture's "truth"?

- 5. When was the last time you caught yourself believing a "lie" that shaped your choices? How can you replace it with biblical truth?
- 6. What does it look like for you personally to show Christ-like love to someone difficult this week?
- 7. What can you do this week to identify your most favorite/effective way to share the Gospel?
- 8. What does it look like to practice it enough where you will be comfortable in sharing the Gospel?
- 9. How do you make sure that your conversations are full of grace?
- 10. What does seasoned with salt mean and how do we make sure our conversations are so.