



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Colossians: Rescued. Redeemed. Rooted.

Week 11 - Salt and Light

QUESTION 1

Read aloud our scripture for the week. **Colossians 4:2-6 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.** Each group member, please discuss something from the scripture that directly impacts your life.

QUESTION 2

Take some time to discuss this amazing verse. **Colossians 4:2** encourages us to **devote ourselves to prayer, to be watchful, and to be thankful.** What do you think it means to devote yourself to prayer?

This verse encourages us to be vigilant or alert in prayer. What do you think that means?

Seven times in the book of Colossians, Paul instructs us to be thankful. As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, take some time to share with your group members the things you are genuinely grateful for in your life. And finally, discuss the value of gratitude.

QUESTION 3

Take a moment to reflect on these verses: ³ **And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.** ⁴ **Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.** Here in verses three and four, Paul is asking for prayer. This highlights the importance of praying for others, especially Christian leaders. Do you regularly pray for others? What has that experience been like for you?

Paul is asking for prayer that God would open a door for the message of Christ. Take a moment to discuss as a group the difference between forcing a conversation and letting God open a door for a conversation about Christ. Please share an example of a time in your life when you knew that God opened a door for you to share with someone else. Do you think you should pray more regularly that God would open a door for you?

QUESTION 4

Finish this discussion by reflecting on these last two verses. **Colossians 4:5-6: Be wise in how you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation always be full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you know how to answer everyone.** How did these verses speak to you personally?

Understanding the context of verses five and six helps us see that these verses are about sharing Christ with those who don't believe in Him. Please share some concrete examples of how you might be wise in your interactions with those who do not follow Christ.

What do you think it means to have a conversation that is both full of grace and seasoned with salt?

Please share a story about a time when you felt that God was prompting you to share Christ with someone who didn't believe in Him or was struggling in their faith. Were you obedient to walk through the open door, and what was the final outcome of that conversation?