

# Session 13: JOINT

## Colossians 4 v 2-6 —Get Talking

### **Big idea:**

To encourage us to be devoted to prayer, for ourselves and for others, and to be committed to reaching others with the good news of Jesus Christ.

### **Guidance on questions:**

2. Devote yourselves to prayer being watchful and thankful.
3. Being committed, loyal—being wholehearted about it.
4. Being alert to the things that might tempt them away from Jesus. Watching out for false teachers, those who might distract them. Need to always be on the look out.
5. Because of who Jesus is and what he's done for them. They have been forgiven, reconciled, and they will be with Christ in glory.
6. That God may open a door for the message, for which he is in in chains. Paul prays that he may proclaim the mystery of Christ.
7. In chains... in prison.
8. He doesn't pray for release, or for comfort, but that he would be able to keep teaching about Jesus!
9. Very very important. He tells the Colossians to be devoted to it, and not just pray for themselves but for others. They are to pray that doors would be opened and that Paul would proclaim the mystery of Christ.
10. Proclaiming clearly as he should! He knows the truth; he knows how awesome Jesus is—so he wants to make that plainly known!
11.
  - What makes it hard? When their friends are against it, have a different religion, when they're going through a tough time, when they think it's a waste of time.
  - What makes is easier? When they ask questions, when something happens which means they mention Jesus first, when you have a chance to show the difference Jesus makes to your life.
12. NO

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- Verse 5a: Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders

You have been raised with Christ, you have put on a new self. So how you live should be different. People should be able to see from the things you do and say that you are living for Jesus and not for yourself. Being wise means living out your Christian life and showing that you are different from the world around you—making wise decisions about every aspect of your life. Let people see that being a Christian changes you!

- Verse 5b: Make the most of every opportunity

For example when

- Someone asks you what you did at the weekend
- Someone asks you if you go to any clubs
- Someone asks you what book you're reading at the moment
- Someone asks you what music you like listening to
- Someone says "I don't think there's a God—there's too much rubbish in the world".
- Someone asks why you don't swear all the time
- Someone asks why you don't sleep with your boyfriend.

- Verse 6: Let your conversation be full of grace, seasoned with salt—so you can answer everyone. Full of grace—Gentle and loving in all I say. Being kind and wise, as I talk about Jesus. Not just launching in with: "If you're not a Christian, you're going to hell"! But wanting to tell them how great it is to know Jesus.

Seasoned with salt—We mustn't shy away from the hard truths of the Bible. The Bible is serious about sin, and we need to be too. We shouldn't just tell people what they want to hear. So if they ask: Does God hate sin? Is Jesus the only way to God? —we need to tell them what the Bible says.

14. Pray

15. No

16.

- Talk to God about people—pray for people.
- Talk to people about God—make the most of every opportunity.