

WARM-UP

- When you have updates to share, how do you usually communicate with your family and friends? Recall an instance explaining this.
- Is it easy for you to speak your innermost thoughts? Or is it something you struggle with? Why do you think this is the case?
- Share about a time when you taught someone a skill. What was it? How did you teach it?

WORD *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 . . .* **COLOSSIANS 4:3**

(Read also **COLOSSIANS 4.**)

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul established that Christ is above all and has welcomed us to His kingdom by redeeming us from sin, enabling us to live holy, transformed lives. One fundamental part of living under the Lordship of Christ is bearing witness to His Lordship. We are commissioned as followers of Christ to make disciples and tell others about Him. More than a commission, we have the opportunity to partner with God to advance His kingdom on earth so that many more can enjoy His rule of love.

1 | Bear witness by proclaiming the gospel.

³At 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—⁴that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. **COLOSSIANS 4:3-4**

Paul freely asked the Colossians for prayer for open doors and for the gospel to be presented clearly. Prayer is a position of humility and knowing who truly rules. Clear evangelism can only happen with God's grace. It is He who opens doors and creates divine appointments. With God, we can speak to others with graciousness and tell them clearly what Christ has done for us and how He has changed our lives. What are some ways we can proclaim the gospel in good times and bad?

2 | Bear witness with our lives.

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

COLOSSIANS 4:5-6

Here, Paul reminds the Colossians that they can bear witness to the gospel in the way they live. Our lifestyle and speech send clear messages to those around us about our relationship with God and our character under His Lordship. When our greatest motivation for word and actions is to please God, not people, God's love will shine through and even attract others who see it. What are some ways we can bear witness with our lives?

APPLICATION

- Do you know how to share your testimony? Practice telling others about what Christ has done for you, and pray that you would be able to share this with someone this week.
- Do you feel that your lifestyle bears witness to the gospel? Why or why not? What are some things that you feel might not be bearing witness to God? What can you do about it?
- What does it mean to you personally to make the best use of your time? Are there moments of your time that could be allotted to other things? Prayerfully consider these things in your personal devotion time.

PRAYER

- Humbly pray for open doors and divine appointments from God to proclaim the gospel.
- Pray for God’s grace to show, by your words and conduct, what living under God’s Lordship means.
- Ask God to show you a specific person that needs to hear about His goodness in your life. Pray for an open door to speak to this person about Him.

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