



LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

June 6, 2010

Colossians: The Supremacy of Christ

Read Colossians 4.2-18

1. What does *devote* mean to you? What would you say you are devoted to?
2. What all does Paul say about prayer here (4.2-4)?
3. What role does prayer play in evangelism (the sharing of the gospel – Acts 14.27)?
4. What does it mean to conduct yourself with wisdom (Proverbs 9.10; James 1.5; Colossians 1.28; 3.16)? Who are *outsiders* (4.5)?
5. How should we be making the most of our time (4.5; Ephesians 4.15-16)?

[For those who maybe would like to focus just on speech use the below. Otherwise, you might just want to use the question for number 6 alone without going to *a* and *b*.]

6. Why is our speech so important (Psalm 141.3; Matthew 12.34b; James 3.1-12)?
The Bible has much to say about the speech of both the redeemed and the unredeemed mouth.
 - a. THE UNREDEEMED: evil (Prov. 15.28); sexual immorality (Prov. 5.3); deceit (Jer. 9.8); curses (Ps. 10.7); oppression (Ps. 10.7); lies (Prov. 12.22); destruction (Prov. 11.11); vanity (2 Peter 2.18); flattery (Prov. 26.28); foolishness (Prov. 15.2); madness (Eccles. 10.12-13); carelessness (Matt. 12.36); boasting (Romans 1.30); false doctrine (Titus 1.11); evil plots (Ps. 37.12); hatred (Ps. 109.3); too many words (Eccles. 10.14); and gossip (Prov. 26.22).
 - b. THE REDEEMED: confession of sin (1 John 1.9); confession of Christ (Romans 10.9-10); edifying speech (Eph. 4.29); talk of God's law (Ex. 13.9); praise to God (Heb. 13.15); blessing of enemies (1 Peter 3.9); talk about God (Ps. 66.16); wisdom and kindness (Prov. 31.26); and gentleness (Prov. 15.1).
IT'S MODEL: JESUS, who spoke instructively (Matt. 5.2); graciously (Luke 4.22); blamelessly (Luke 11.54); and without deceit (1 Pet. 2.22).
7. Who are your strands (Ecclesiastes 4.9-12)?
8. What are different qualities about those mentioned by Paul as he wraps up his letter (4.7-18)?
9. As you close, reflect on 4.17 as a group. Encourage one another with this word that Paul directs to Archippus.

Pray (Take some time this week and be devoted to prayer. Plan a time and set aside 20 minutes to pray. Include some time in the Scriptures as well. To help you pray you might want to look at Matthew 6.9-13 and also pray like Paul tells us to in Colossians 4.2-4. Pray that God would open doors for the church this week to share the gospel.)