

Saturday & Sunday, November 11 & 12, 2017 - "Walk in Wisdom" - Gerald Coleman

Key Passages: Colossians 4:2-6

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Paul wanted the church to grow up into full maturity and live out there calling to be the image/likeness of God
- Continue in prayer (steadfast, living life with God)
 - Not about saying prayers all the time but about continual communion with God
 - Thinking constantly about the Lord
 - There is freedom and creativity in how we follow God
- "Pray for us"
 - God will open a door for the Good News
 - We need to be praying for the spreading of the Gospel (to impact/transform)
 - We also need to be praying for clarity and wisdom
- How to do we talk to those around us about Jesus?
 - Walk in wisdom (v5)
 - We become the Bible and a representation of Jesus to this who haven't been to church and don't know the Bible
 - There are many who don't know Jesus
 - Making the best use of time
 - Kairos = window of opportunity
 - Turn minutes into moments
 - Ask the Spirit to make us aware
 - We talk about evangelism as if it's all about us
 - God is already speaking and moving and calling
 - As if God is asking "Will you tune-in to what I'm up to?"
 - It's about BEING AVAILABLE
 - Speech always gracious and seasoned with salt
 - It's GOOD NEWS (it should sound and feel like good news)
 - Not salt in a wound BUT flavor
- Turning minutes into moments
 - STOP - Pause and ask what God is doing
 - LOOK - Pay attention. Seeing and engaging with PEOPLE
 - LISTEN - Listen to them and to the Holy Spirit
 - **There is creativity in how we share**
- Our job is just to share
 - It is not our job to take someone from -10 to +10 (but maybe just from -10 to -7)
 - We are called to step out of our selfish comfort zone...we have nothing to lose
 - We are not working ALONE. God will show us the way

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. Have you ever prayed for God to open a door for the Good News? How did it go? How did God respond?
2. How is God calling you to step up your prayer for the spreading of the Gospel?
3. When was a time when you had a good experience sharing Jesus with someone?
4. What has God taught you about sharing the Gospel? What to say, how to pray, how to be ready?
5. Which part of the STOP, LOOK, LISTEN do you need to grow in the most?
6. When was a time when God blessed and lead you when you stepped out of your comfort zone to share Jesus?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: 2 Peter 1 Tues: 2 Peter 2 Wed: 2 Peter 3 Thurs: Mark 1 Fri: Mark 2