

Colossians 4:2-18 Discussion Questions

- Paul commands believers to “continue steadfastly in prayer.” Why is roster so central to a daily walk with Christ?
 - What tends to make your prayer life inconsistent, and what helps you persevere?
- Why is it important to be “watchful” and alert in prayer as opposed to praying on autopilot?
- Why do you think Paul emphasizes thanksgiving alongside prayer?
 - What keeps you from having a heart of gratitude toward God?
 - What blessings from God have become “ordinary” to you, but deserve praise?
- Paul was in prison, yet he prayed more for gospel opportunities than his own comfort. What does that reveal about his priorities? How does it challenge yours?
- Ben asked the question, “What are you building that will matter 100 or 1,000 years from now?” How would you answer?
- Ben said, “Every Christian is either advancing the gospel or watching others do so.” What is a unique inroad God has given you for the gospel?
- What does it mean to “walk in wisdom toward outsiders”? What does this look like in your own life?
 - Why is it important to remember that every Christian was once an “outsider” before coming to Christ?
- Paul says to “make the best use of the time.” What opportunities do Christians often miss because they are distracted, fearful, or spiritually inattentive?
- Paul says our speech should be “gracious, seasoned with salt.” How does the state of our hearts relate to the words we speak? (see Luke 6:45)

- Looking at verses 2-6, which area do you currently need the most growth in?
- Tychicus is remembered for reliability and faithfulness. What makes a person truly dependable? Would that describe you?
- Onesimus had once been a runaway slave. Why is it significant that Paul calls him a “brother”?
- Mark abandoned the mission but was later restored. Have you ever written off someone because of a past failure? What would it look like to seek their restoration?
- Demas later abandoned Paul because he was “in love with this present world.” What are some ways Christians can slowly drift toward loving this present world more than Christ?
- Paul tells Archippus, “Fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.” What ministry has God entrusted to you?
- Paul ends the letter with the word “grace.” Why is it significant that after all the commands, examples, and challenges, Paul’s final emphasis is grace?