

## Sermon Discussion Questions

### CONNECTING

Colossians 4:2-6

October 23, 2016

1. What was the scariest bridge you ever went across? What made it scary?
2. To be used by God to build bridges with people who are lost, who are not born again (born of the Holy Spirit because they are Christians – read John 3:1-17 for details if you'd like), who have not trusted Jesus as their Savior starts with making sure we are connected vertically – or, connected with God through prayer.
  - a. How is your prayer life? If you had to grade yourself, what grade would you give (A, B, C, D, F) and why?
  - b. Did you glean any insights on the power of prayer and the affect it can have on you, others, and the lost? Share.
  - c. Jeremy emphasized that concept of being alert (Colossians 4:2). He suggested that it refers to a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's nudging us to witness for Him. Has this been a practice of yours to pray for the Lord to use you to witness for Him?
    - i. How have you felt the Lord's nudging in your life to share about Him?
    - ii. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "The #1 way to be prepared to share Jesus is to be connected to the Lord through prayer"? Why or why not?
3. Read Colossians 4:5. To build a bridge means connecting one place to another place over an obstacle or barrier. What are some barriers that get in the way of connecting with people outside of Christianity?
  - a. Remember Jeremy explained that "Conduct yourselves...toward" is literally, "Walk toward"? Why is walking toward—or initiating an interaction with—others with the willingness to have a spiritual conversation difficult to do?
    - i. How do we overcome our fears?
4. Colossians 4:6 tells us to make sure our speech is always with grace. How do these two verses help us know what that means: Ephesians 4:29 and 1 Peter 3:15?
  - a. How was Jesus' speech with grace when He said what He said in Matthew 12:33-37; or in John 2:13-16?
  - b. What makes it hard for you to speak always with grace?
  - c. And our speech must be "seasoned with salt." Do you remember Jeremy's explanation of that? How can we use "wit" to witness for Jesus?
5. Jeremy shared how, according to the end of Colossians 4:6, God wants to use each of us as a tool to move people toward Himself. How has God used you recently to move someone toward Himself?
  - a. Think of those you know who are not saved.
    - i. How do you think God might use you to move them just one notch closer to going over the bridge and to putting their faith in Jesus as their Savior?
    - ii. Now, pray for those lost people together in your HDG.
      - i. Remember those individuals, for they may be the person you want to write on the bridge on November 6.