

Act Wise

Open with Prayer Requests

Read Colossians 3:12–17

- Paul tells believers to “clothe yourselves” with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Which of these stands out to you most right now?
- Why is it important that Paul begins with how believers treat one another before addressing outsiders?
- What does it practically look like to “bear with each other”?
- Why is forgiveness essential within the church, even when someone hasn’t apologized?
- How does loving one another serve as a witness to those outside the faith?

Read John 1:1

- John refers to Jesus as the “Word” (logos). What does this reveal about the relationship between faith and reason?
- Why is it important that our faith is not based on feelings alone?
- How can we engage both our hearts and our minds in our walk with Christ?

Read Colossians 4:2–4

- What specific instructions does Paul give about prayer?
- Why is it important to pray for opportunities to share the gospel?
- What does it mean to proclaim the message “clearly”?
- How can prayer prepare us before we are ever asked a question about our faith?

Read Colossians 4:5–6

- What does it mean to “be wise in the way you act toward outsiders”?
- How can we “make the most of every opportunity” in everyday life?
- What does it look like for your conversation to be “full of grace”?
- What do you think Paul means by “seasoned with salt”?
- Why is preserving the relationship important when discussing faith?

Read John 6:44 and 1 Corinthians 9:19–23

- According to these passages, who is responsible for drawing someone to faith?
- How does this truth take pressure off of us when sharing our beliefs?
- What does it mean that Paul became “all things to all people”?
- Why is it important to have realistic expectations when sharing the gospel?
- Why is it important to respond appropriately, even if you don’t have all the answers?
- What makes it difficult to admit, “I don’t know”?
- How can being gracious and unoffendable change the tone of spiritual conversations?
- Who is one person in your life you can begin praying for and engaging with more intentionally?
- What is one step you can take this week to be better prepared to respond to questions about your faith?

Closing Prayer