

Q5

Sermon Based Devotion
The Moment We Are In and The Mission We Are On
Colossians 4:2-6

1. Describe the cultural moment we are in. What have been other defining cultural moments throughout American history? In what ways are they similar? In what ways are they different? What kind of Kingdom impact can the church make in this moment? Has the church missed an opportunity during this moment? If so, in what way?
2. Why do you think the Apostle Paul, in verse 2, put such an emphasis on prayer? Why is that counter-cultural? Why do you think he was inspired to write be devoted and to stay alert? Would that approach to daily life make a daily difference in your life?
3. Take a few moments and read Joshua 4. Why were the stones of remembrance so important? Take a few moments and journal one of your stones of remembrance. What did you learn by putting this experience in writing?
4. In verses 5-6, Paul says “⁵ Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.” How can we as God’s people walk wisely in this moment? How do we make the most of our time? What is gracious speech? Why do you think Paul used gracious and salt together?
5. The final illustration was being a fire carrier. An except said, “The church fanned the flames of the fire carriers and carried the embers to the entire world. The church, those Christ-followers with spine and heart, refused to be silenced, refused to be driven underground, refused to stop carrying the fire.” How can we refuse to be silenced or driven under-ground based on the Colossians 4:2-6 passage?