

LifeGroup Study Sheet

March 30th, 2025 – Holy Habits – Witnessing

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

When you think of the word “witness” what comes to mind? How do you perceive people in public who you see witnessing? Is it typically positive or negative? If you have witnessed before, what was your approach to it?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Colossians 4:2-3. Pastor Jeff's first point in creating the holy habit of witnessing was **“pray the doors would open.”** In this part of Colossians, Paul is praying that he would have opportunities that the Lord would open the door for him to share the Word of God with someone. First, he takes time to pray (v.2). When was the last time you prayed the Lord would open an opportunity for you to share His Word with someone? Paul was in prison as he was praying this (v.3)! How do you often allow your circumstances to limit your ability to witness? How does Paul's perspective and attitude towards this help change your view on that?

Read Philippians 1:3-18 to help you gain more perspective on this idea!

Question 2: Read Colossians 4:5. The next two points that Jeff brought out of this passage was **“live wise among outsiders and pursue every opportunity.”** The idea behind this point was that the testimony of Christian's lives in the city of Colossi was providing opportunities for them to share the Gospel with others. People noticed how they lived and responded to situations and saw something different with them! **1 Peter 3:15** says that we are to “always be prepared to everyone who asks for the reason of hope within you.” The principles here is someone is asking you, because they notice how you live is different! Have you ever had someone ask you “why do you live that way?” Have you been prepared to tell them? In way ways this week could you “walk in wisdom” with nonbelievers?

Question 3: Read Colossians 4:6. The last point that Pastor Jeff said was **“teach me to speak as I ought.”** This idea with how we talk is directly tied to how we speak with “outsiders” or nonbelievers. In what ways do you think your speech can be “gracious” or “seasoned with salt?” Why do you think Paul uses this type of language? How have you seen negative or “sour” conversations turned you away from people in the past? How do you think the way you have spoken has affected your opportunities to share Jesus with others? Ask God through your prayers this week to remind you of how your speech this week will give you opportunities towards outsiders!

Application: Pastor Jeff talked about 6 different styles of Evangelism in the NT. Spend some time in prayer this week and how the Lord could use you in one of these approaches to evangelize this week:

1. Peter – Direct approach (Acts 2:14-41)
2. Paul – Intellectual approach (Acts 17)
3. Blind Man – Testimonial approach (John 9)
4. Matthew – Interpersonal approach (Luke 5)
5. Samaritan Woman – Invitational approach (John 4)
6. Dorcas – Service approach (Acts 9)

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?