

Discussion Questions Colossians 4:1-12

Topic: The Power of Evangelistic Prayer

1. What does Paul mean by the statement “knowing that you have a Master in heaven” in v. 1?
2. In consulting other Bible translations (NIV, Amplified, etc.), how is the word “Continue” rendered? (v. 2) How might we apply that to our lives?
3. What is the importance of the words “Continue”, “Watch”, and with “Thanksgiving” in our prayer life? (v. 2)
4. Discuss the role of prayer in evangelism? “Praying for God to open a door of utterance.” (v. 3) Discuss also 2 Thessalonians 3:1
5. What is the “mystery of Christ” in verse 4? Paul states that it is the reason Paul is in chains. Is it merely the gospel?
6. Paul asks prayer of the Colossians that he might make the gospel clear? (v. 4). Discuss why clarity in the gospel is so important.
7. How can we speak the gospel with grace seasoned with salt? (v. 6). Why is this difficult?
8. Who are Paul’s co-workers mentioned in verses 7-12? What are some of the key words of praise he has for each of them?
9. Paul was a man of prayer. Epaphras was a man of prayer (v. 12). Discuss how Paul influenced Epaphras to grow in his life of prayer. How can one man or woman impact another for Christ?
10. Consult other Bible translations, on the rendering of v. 12 “Always laboring fervently” for you in prayer. What can we learn from other Bible translations on their rendering of the word “laboring”?