



SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 4:2-4

February 28, 2021

To begin:

What are you thankful for nowadays?

Before you proceed:

Pray and ask God to enlighten you to show you where he has been at work and present in your past week through events, places, and people. Ask Him to enliven and guide your group in your reading and discussion.

1. What was the main takeaway for you from the sermon this week?
2. Reread aloud **Colossians 4:2-4** slowly. What stands out to you in the text this time? What additional impressions, curiosities, and questions arise as you further ponder it?
3. Read aloud 1 Thessalonians 5:5-6;9-11 and then ponder and discuss it: "You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." What insights do you see here?
4. In God's sovereignty, God brings the increase to the preaching or speaking of his Word, and he uses that means for his redemptive purposes. Thus there's both a responsibility, and an exciting privilege, for Christians to be engaged in prayer for the proclamation or speaking of the Word. Discuss how your group is or could be involved in prayer for this purpose?
5. Ponder and discuss the statement of Brother Andrew of Open Doors: "*Our prayers go where we cannot. There are no borders, no prison walls, no doors that are closed when we pray.*"
6. How did you come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ -- was the proclamation of the Word and prayer involved that you know? Elaborate.
7. *Get in sync.* As it flows from your discussion, pray for others in your group. You might like to all pray out loud at once, or pray in a circle or in such a way that everyone has a chance to pray and be heard.