



SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 4:5-6

February 7, 2021

To begin:

In life, who were two of your closest friends? What was one quality about them that stood out to you? What is one quality about you they might say stood out to them?

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 biggest takeaway for you from the sermon this week?
2. Read aloud **Colossians 4:5-6** slowly. As you can, reread it from a different bible translation. What stands out to you in the text? What impressions, curiosities, and questions arise as you further ponder it?
3. Read and contemplate Romans 12:21: "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." When you talk with people of different convictions and disagree, what is your approach -- how do you handle such a situation?
4. Read and discuss the following from 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12: "Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live.... (NLT).
5. In what ways might you "be wise in the way you act toward outsiders" and "make the most of every opportunity" (Colossians 4:5)?
6. How could you encourage a fellow Christian or your group members on this topic of "firm center ... soft edges"? What principle might you be encouraged to build in your life as you relate to others and others relate to you?
7. Spend some time in prayer as it flows from your discussion and the Spirit's leading.