



SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 4:5-6

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To begin:

Who do you know personally that you see as a quality conversationalist? What are aspects of their conversation that make such an impression or impact on you?

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 4:5-6** slowly. What stands out to you in the text this time? What other impressions, curiosities, and questions arise as you further ponder it?
3. Discuss the following excerpt from Corey Barry: "I'm quick to conclude that some people have the knack for kindness, but it's not my thing. I'm too busy, too proud, too shy, too apathetic, too fearful, too macho, too passive, too oblivious. ... This has been my struggle for the better part of my life." In what ways do you relate to this statement or not?
4. In what ways might your words or body language be less than palatable by others? In what situation or interactions in your life might you need to season your speech with salt (v 6)?
5. Read and discuss the following from 1 Peter 3:15: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you. But do this with gentleness and respect....." Spend some time in your group asking each other to give the reason for the hope that you have.
6. What will be your strategy the next time you converse with an ideological stranger and meet a disagreement that makes you or him or her uncomfortable?
7. Spend some time in prayer as it flows from your discussion and the Spirit's leading.