

**Lesson Aim:** To grow in our ability to wield prayer and our personal witness as strategic tools of mission-oriented evangelism.



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to offer study questions each week in this **simplified format**, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the summer break.

**Prayer:** Start your time together by asking the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion or devotional time.



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1. **Read Colossians 4:2-6.** In advancing the Gospel message, what role is played by prayer? By being watchful? By being thankful?
2. How have you seen or experienced God using either prayer, being watchful or thankful to help advance the Gospel message?
3. From verses 5-6, what principles do you want to build into your prayer life as you relate to people who don't know Jesus?
4. In what settings are you around people who don't know Jesus?
5. What opportunities has God given you lately to have a conversation with someone who doesn't know Jesus or about the Gospel?
6. What fears do you have about sharing Christ with others? What joys do you find in sharing Christ with others?
7. In speaking about our duty of lifestyle evangelism, Pastor Scott talked about being "salty." What does that mean to you?
8. **Read 1 Peter 3:15-16.** What hope does Christ's life, death and resurrection provide? How can you personalize this hope so that you can share it with others?
9. What might be some ways we can follow Peter's model for evangelism?



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**Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.**

## INTRODUCTION

PRINCIPLE #1: The Christian life is one of surrender & active collaboration with God.

▶ The two hardest behaviors for Christians to integrate into their daily lives are:

- ❶ Externally-focused prayer
- ❷ Lifestyle evangelism

### THE DUTY OF EXTERNALLY-FOCUSED PRAYER (Colossians 4:2-4)

- ▶ Prayer springs from faith... it is a Christian duty... it is work...  
it requires persistence & attentiveness... it includes gratitude... it opens doors...  
it brings vitality, boldness & clarity

PRINCIPLE #2: Thankfulness tends to chase a grumpy complaining spirit away.

### THE DUTY OF LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM (Colossians 4:5-6)

▶ “Evangelism” = getting good news out

A. Be wise

PRINCIPLE #3: There is no impact without contact.

PRINCIPLE #4: When a good message is proclaimed in a bad way it can do more harm than good.

B. Be bold

PRINCIPLE #5: Being bold means you not only take opportunities, but also make opportunities.

C. Be salty (cf. Matthew 5:13)

- ▶ We humbly disarm hostility, awaken people from spiritual apathy & win people to faith in Christ by both WHAT we say & HOW we say it