

## “The Supremacy of Christ in Everyday Life”

Colossians 4:2-6

June 9, 2019

### The Central Idea...

The supremacy of Christ is exhibited in everyday life through our practice of private prayer and public witness.

#### 1. Private Prayer (vv. 2-4)

- Three aspects of our attitude in personal prayer (v. 2)
  - **Persistence**
  - **Alertness**
  - **Thankfulness**
- Two components of the content of our prayer (vv. 3-4)
  - An open **door** for the gospel
  - Clarity in the **proclamation** of the gospel

#### 2. Public Witness (vv. 5-6)

- Conduct (v. 5)
  - Walk in **wisdom** toward **outsiders**
  - Make the best use of the **time**
- Speech (v. 6)
  - **Gracious**
  - Seasoned with **salt**
  - **Personalized**

## Community Group Discussion

*For the Week of June 9, 2019*

1. As you reflect on Sunday's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
2. What are some ways you struggle in your own prayer life in being persistent, alert, and thankful?
  - a. What does a lack of prayer indicate about your view of God?
3. Discuss specific areas of life where you can pray for open doors for the gospel.
4. What circumstances in life do you allow to become a hindrance to sharing the gospel with others?
  - a. Read Philippians 1:12-14. How did Paul respond to his circumstances in regards to gospel proclamation?
  - b. What are some other hindrances you struggle with in sharing the gospel with others?
5. Do you struggle with clarity when presenting the gospel to others? How can you encourage each other as a group in this area?
6. Share some examples of what walking "in wisdom toward outsiders" looks like in your life.
7. Are you "making the best use of the time" in your encounters with unbelievers?
  - a. What are some practical ways you can improve in this area of your Christian walk?
8. Discuss the following quote from a commentator on this passage: "The reputation of the gospel is bound up with the behavior of those who claim to have experienced its saving power. People who do not read the Bible for themselves or listen to the preaching of the word of God can see the lives of those who do and can form their judgment accordingly."
9. How can you improve in your speech with unbelievers in the three areas mentioned in verse 6: graciousness, seasoned with salt, and personalized?
  - a. What are some techniques or approaches in conversations with unbelievers that you have found effective?