

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Act Wisely Toward Outsiders
Colossians — Week 36

ICEBREAKER: What is the difference between an intellectual assent to a set of beliefs and an actual acceptance of those beliefs?

OVERVIEW: If you are a Christian, then you are headed for heaven. But God doesn't want you to go alone. He wants you to try to bring as many people with you as possible. This is called evangelism, or witnessing, or soul-winning, and it is one of the purposes of your life in Christ. We all have family and friends who are not following Christ. Without Christ, they are lost and will spend eternity in hell. We must do everything we can to reach the lost. In this discussion we will go deeper with the evangelism principles found in Colossians 4:5-6.

1. **Read Colossians 4:5-6.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Colossians 4:5 commands us to act wisely toward outsiders. Who are the outsiders in your life? What blessings and benefits do outsiders miss out on?
3. What are some ways that Christians act foolishly and decrease their evangelistic effectiveness?
4. What are some ways that Christians need to display wisdom to attract the lost to Christ?
5. Colossians 4:5 instructs us to make the most of the time. How can you make the most of your time with your lost friends?
6. Colossians 4:6 commands to always let our speech be gracious. How should a Christian's language be different than the world's? How do you need to grow in gracious speech?
7. Colossians 4:6 also instructs us to let our speech always be seasoned with salt. We can do this by sharing the gospel when we have the opportunity. Why is it important for unbelievers to hear the gospel (see Romans 1:16)?
8. What is the gospel?
9. How do you need to grow to become a more effective witness for Christ?

The Last Word: "What believers are gives credibility to what they say." John MacArthur