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a study through Colossians

Simple. Evangelism Made Simple (Colossians 4:2-6)

1. When was the last time you attempted to share your faith? Share your story. Discuss how it felt, how it went and what you might do differently next time.
2. As you think about the encounter in Q1, how many of Paul's important principles for faith sharing did you use: *talk to God, walk the walk, talk the talk*?
3. **Talk to God.** In verses 2-4, Paul's focus is prayer. What part, do you think, does prayer have to play in evangelism? Are you praying in a 'devoted', 'steadfast' and 'thankful' way about reaching your friends and family for Jesus?
4. Would a non-believer know that you have spent time in the company of Jesus? How? What does 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 have to say on this theme? If you were being brutally honest, what, other than Jesus, might you be accused of 'smelling' of?
5. **Walk The Walk.** In verse 5, what do you think Paul's big message is? Jesus gets quite passionate about this theme with the Pharisees and religious leaders. Why? Discuss. What more does Titus 2:7-8 and 1 Peter 2:11-12 add to your thinking?
6. Can you think of an occasion (for better or worse) when your ability to walk the walk has blessed or hindered your evangelistic efforts? Share your stories.
7. **Talk The Talk.** Why are the first two principles so important before arriving at this third principle? Is there a risk we will never open our mouths to speak about Jesus?
8. Having shared verse 5, in verse 6 Paul encourages talk which is gracious and seasoned with salt. What's his point using less poetic words? How can you tell if your speech is 'gracious and seasoned'? What should you do if someone is offended by the Gospel?
9. Discuss the *God's Grand Design* video featuring Helen and Nick Baker. How are they living out the three important principles Paul mentions in our text? Do you find this kind of ministry attractive? Can you translate/apply Helen and Nick's ministry into your own current life context? Helen and Nick are living incarnationally. What might this look like for you?
10. Spend some time praying for friends and family who do not know Jesus. Pray too about your own effectiveness in evangelism.