BIG IDEA: Colossians 4:2-6

Pray. Proclaim Christ. Be wise in the way you act.

If we've been raised with Christ, we have some amazing news to share with other people!

This section is all about sharing that good news with people who don't know Jesus yet. It has a lot to do with prayer and a lot to do with how we act towards people who don't know Jesus yet.



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Pray - v2



- 1. What does it mean to be **devoted** to prayer?
- 2. We often find it hard to pray. Do you? Why?

Pray for those who proclaim Christ - v3-4

- 3. What two things does Paul ask the Colossians to pray for?
 - 1. An o_____ d ____ (a way) to procliam Christ (v3).
 - 2. That he'd proclaim Christ c_____(v4).

It is **everybody's** job to proclaim Christ (as we'll see in the next section). Everybody gets to talk about Jesus to people who don't know him yet. But some people's job is specifically to procliam Christ – think of missionaries and pastors and evangelists.

4. Can you think of two or three people who you could pray for this week? (Write their names down.) Pray they'd have opportunity to proclaim Christ and that they'd speak clearly!

Act wisely - v5-6

5. What does it mean to act wisely to people who don't know Christ yet? Have a look at Colossians 3v12-14 for some idea!



6. Cross out the things that **don't** belong in conversation 'full of grace' and 'seasoned with salt'.

listening	asking how someone is	complaining	kindness
grumpiness	respect	being positive	smiling
thinking about what you're going to have for dinner at the same time			graciousness

Think about your friends who don't know that they can be saved by Jesus. Think about the hobbies you do. Think about (normal times and) the classes you're in. Think of **one** of these specifically. Think of what it would mean for you to **act** wisely in this situation or to make the most of the opportunity to speak about Jesus.

If someone asked you why you were kind when others weren't, or why you didn't complain about a teacher when others did – how would you answer them?

sermon notes Passage: The main headings: Date: Preacher: Doodles (a) (b) Questions I want to be Why does 'being raised with New ideas or things answered as I listen. Christ' come first? I learn. What questions do you have? What's the main application? Why do we not need rules? After the service What do you want to share with your family from what you've heard?

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