

**Text:** *Colossians 4:2-6, NIV*

**Speaking to God about People**

- Be \_\_\_\_\_ to prayer.
- Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Pray for \_\_\_\_\_.
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**Speaking to People about God**

- Be wise as you \_\_\_\_\_ among outsiders.
- Make the most of every opportunity.
- Be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Know your \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Life Enrichment**

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What did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling about today's teaching? Why?

- Why do you think that discussions about our involvement in prayer and evangelism typically bother Christians?
- When Paul decides to summarize what Christians are to do in response to various errors challenging the church, why do you think he chooses to set our focus on prayer for and participation in God's redemptive mission?
- How does focusing on prayer for and participation in God's redemptive mission prevent us from falling prey to various false teachings?
- Of the four principles of prayer found in this week's text, which do you find most difficult to apply? Why?
- Why do you think we find it easier to talk about the weather, sports, entertainment, or politics than about our faith in Jesus?
- What can we do to help make speaking about our faith as easy as talking about the weather, sports, entertainment, or politics?
- How are you planning to pray about your mission field this week? Who are you hoping to influence toward Jesus this week?