

SESSION 6 - TALK

...but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you... (1 Pet 3:15)

Read Colossians 4:2-6.

1. In this passage Paul asks the Colossians to continue steadfastly in prayer. What prayer request does Paul make for himself and Timothy?
2. What instructions does he give the Colossian Christians?
3. What do you think Paul means when he says, "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt" (v. 6)?
4. What can we do to make our speech gracious and salty and our answers appropriate to each person?

Video 1: Talking about Jesus—using a gospel outline

Discuss

Discuss some of the advantages of using a gospel outline to tell people about who Jesus is and what he has done. What are some of the differences between a 'good' presentation of a gospel outline and a 'bad' presentation?

Video 2: Talking about Jesus—sharing your story

Discuss

Discuss some of the advantages of using your own story of becoming and being a Christian as a starting point for talking to people about Jesus. What are some of the traps to avoid? How might you modify the version you've been trying out during this course? (What about trying to find an opportunity to share your story with someone at church this week?)

Video 3: Talking about Jesus—presenting God's point of view

Exercise

Think of an issue that has been in the news recently. What does Jesus have to say about that issue? Discuss how, as a Christian, you might contribute to a conversation about it.

Video 4: Talking about Jesus—summary

To conclude

1. Spend some time praying for some of the people whose names you wrote down in session 4.
2. Pray for opportunities and boldness to talk to these people about Jesus.
3. Thank God for the things you have learnt over these last six sessions.