

## ► Outline

Today's message is based on Colossians 4:2-6.

*Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ...* Ephesians 4:15a (NLT)

New speech includes...

### 1. Talking with \_\_\_\_\_. (Colossians 4:2-4)

#### Elements of Prayer:

- \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Colossians 4:2a. C/R: Ephesians 6:18a;  
1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Colossians 4:2b. C/R: Ephesians 6:18b; Philippians 4:6-7)
- \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Colossians 4:3-4. C/R: Ephesians 6:19-20;  
Colossians 1:26-27)

### 2. Telling \_\_\_\_\_. (Colossians 4:5-6)

#### Essentials of Evangelism:

- \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Colossians 4:5. C/R: Ephesians 5:16-17;  
1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)
- \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Colossians 4:6a. C/R: Ephesians 4:15; 1 Peter 3:15-16)
- \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Colossians 4:6b. C/R: Luke 12:11-12; Acts 1:8)

Answers: 1. God, Persistence, Perspective, Purpose 2. Good News, Conduct, Communication, Content

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. For additional Bible Study tools, guides and devotionals, check out: [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com), [bible.com](http://bible.com), [youversion.com](http://youversion.com) and [blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org).

### Conversation Starter

What would the people closest to you say are your life passions and goals?

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Colossians 4:2-6](#).

1. What words or phrases stand out to you in this passage?
2. What is the purpose of prayer? What impact do you think prayer really makes?
3. What *one* word best describes your experience in prayer (e.g., frustrating, life-giving, empty, fulfilling, etc.)?
4. In our fallen condition, prayer isn't something we naturally do. What are practical ways you can cultivate a more ongoing, intimate prayer life? See also [Ephesians 6:18](#); [1 John 5:14-15](#).
5. Considering what you've learned in the first three chapters of Colossians, why do you think Paul tells the Colossians to be devoted to prayer, watchful and alert? See also [Ezekiel 33:1-9](#).
6. Why is thankfulness essential to a life of prayer? See also [Psalm 100:1-5](#).
7. Do you have friendships with people who are not believers? What are practical ways you could help them come to know Jesus? See also [Proverbs 11:30](#); [Matthew 5:15-16](#); [1 Thessalonians 2:7-8](#).

8. If you followed Paul's exhortation to *live wisely among those who are not believers*, would any of your behavior or speech need to change? See also [Ephesians 4:29-32](#).
9. How do you prepare your heart so your conversations are full of grace?
10. Give some examples of when you made the most of an opportunity and felt like you responded the way God wanted you to?
11. What's your biggest takeaway from this week's teaching?
12. What do you want to say to God based on what He's revealing to you?

### Soul Training

Who in your life needs to hear the story of Jesus? Pray for him/her every day this week. Ask God to give you an opportunity to speak about His mysterious plan concerning Christ. Ask Him to enable you to make the most of every opportunity.

### Memory Verse

*Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ...* [Ephesians 4:15a \(NLT\)](#)

### Daily Reading

Day 1: [Colossians 4:2-6](#)

Day 4: [Proverbs 17:27](#)

Day 2: [Psalm 100:1-5](#)

Day 5: [1 Thessalonians 4:11-12](#)

Day 3: [Ephesians 4:29-32](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, September 2, we will conclude the series *Living Changed Lives*. To prepare for the message, read [Colossians 4:7-18](#).