

Sunday
January 9
10 a.m.



Outside Looking In

Colossians 4:2-6

2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 3 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. 4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. 5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. NIV

Walk in wisdom toward those who are _____.

“Outside” means those who are outside the saving faith of Jesus Christ.

The vast majority of people “outside” are looking at Jesus through the window of your life.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. NIV

Leading People to Christ

_____% of all people who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior do NOT do so in a church service.

I. Our Commitment to People.

Colossians 4:2 “Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 4:3-4

3 Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. 4 Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. (NLT)

Redeeming the time.

5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

Philippians 4:8

“...Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”

1. Wisdom

vs 5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

II. Our Conversation with Others.

Vs. 6 “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”

2. Grace