

Sermon Series: *Bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup>* Scripture: Colossians 4:2-6 Date: August 4 & 5, 2018

Message: Communication with Jesus

## -[ LET'S START ]-

Last weekend Pastor Dale concluded his series on Revelation. Find a partner and each share at least one thing that stood out to you in that series and share its impact on you.

## -[ LET'S TALK ]-

- 1. Dr. Paul Borden was our speaker this past weekend. He commented that how we act when we are alone reveals our true character. He applied that concept to a person's private prayers as reflecting how one views their relationship with God. What insight might someone gain in taking a look at their relationship with God through this lens?
- 2. Have one person read Colossians 4:2-6 aloud to the group. What does it mean to "devote yourselves to prayer"?
- 3. What are the two things in this passage that Paul requests the Colossians to ask God to provide for him? In what ways does your background (culture) present difficulties as you present the Gospel in an increasingly secular culture?

## -[ LET'S ACT ]-

Like Paul requested prayer for open doors and that he would present the message clearly, pray that God would open doors for you. Start by praying for specific individuals. Make the most of every opportunity that God brings your way. Also, pray that the Holy Spirit would lead you to clearly present the Gospel in a pleasant conversational way.

## -[ SERMON REVIEW ]-

- How we act when we are alone reveals our true character. Our private prayers reveal how we view our relationship with God.
- Colossians 4:2 calls us to be devoted to prayer like parents who are continuously thinking, planning, caring and working for their children, we are to have God ever present in our minds.
- Paul asks the Colossians to pray that God would open doors for him to share the Gospel and that he might present the message clearly.
- The culture of the U.S. is continuing to change along a very secular direction and it is predicted that by 2025 almost half of the population will be biblically illiterate. Our method of sharing the Gospel will need to adjust to these changes.
- Three concepts to reach people with a clear presentation of the Gospel:
  - o Be wise start by praying for specific individuals
  - o Make the most of every opportunity
  - Create delightful conversation

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