



Intro to “Salty Talk”

As Paul concludes his letter to the Colossians, he calls on them to make the most of the time, to speak with grace but also seasoned with salt, in other words, to speak the truth in love. This week’s discussion guide is framed a little differently. Instead of a list of questions to discuss briefly, for the “digging deeper,” I only have two questions and I’d like you to take time to answer them thoroughly. Consider your life, the rhythms of your relationships. I hope these discussions are enlightening, and challenging. Even in your discussions, you can practice speaking graciously, but still speaking gospel truth. Our mission on Earth is to go and make disciples, so we have to judge ourselves accordingly, and hold each other accountable.

Colossians Focus:

The preeminence (superiority, excellence, distinguished, surpassing nature) of Christ in all of life (1:18).

Part 9: The Salty Talk

Text: Colossians 4:2-18

Big Idea: For disciples of Jesus, every relationship exists to make and train disciples of Jesus.

From the Sermon (add your own notes here):

- I. Towards Outsiders (4:2-6).

- II. From Insiders (4:7-15).

- III. For the (Big C) Church (4:16-18).

Getting Started

Re-Read Colossians 1. Review what you remember about the preeminence of Christ. It might help to make a list of all the ways Christ is called “first.”

As we close the series, what does the idea of “life rearranged” mean for you personally? What does it look like to truly organize your life around Christ as the head?

Live It Out

Pray: Thank God for the mentors he has given you, the disciples he has made through you and those young believers he has given you to mentor.

Confess: Which relationships are currently being wasted? Confess to God the things holding you back from making and training disciples with the people already in your sphere of influence.

Act: Game plan from your list of relationships. Where are the openings to add some seasoning to your speech, the interactions with people in your life? How can you be more intentional in making the best use of the time with them?