Personal Evangelism
Sharing Your Faith Effectively

Opening Questions
• What has God been teaching you lately?

• If somebody asked you to give the reason for the hope you have in God, what would you say?

• Do you have any friends that do not know God? Are you in the habit of engaging your friends in conversations about faith in Jesus? Explain.

Setting Our Vision
• Why should we share our faith in Jesus with our friends?

• When and if you do share your faith, does it feel like an overflow of your heart, or unnatural?

• If it feels unnatural to you, or if you had a believing friend that told you that it felt unnatural to them, what would need to happen to change that?

Preparation + Obedience = Success
God is the LORD of the harvest (Matt 9:36-38). We cannot control who believes; but we can control our readiness and our obedience to share.

• Read Colossians 4:2-6

• What do you think Paul means by “gracious speech seasoned with salt”?

• Can you think of examples of ungracious speech? Or speech not seasoned with salt?
• Do you know how to explain the gospel? Read Acts 26:20 and Romans 10:9-10. What are the essentials of the gospel?

• Look back at the Colossians passage. What does it mean to act wisely toward outsiders?

• How do believers act unwisely toward outsiders? What are the consequences of those actions?

• Read 1 Corinthians 9:22. How far out of your comfort zone are you willing to go for the sake of the gospel? Explain.

• How do we make the most of our opportunities?

• Read 2 Corinthians 5:11. What needs to happen in your life in order for you to become more persuasive?

• Paul began this passage in Colossians begging for pray. Are you willing to pray for opportunities? Why or why not?

• “Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them.” Jeremiah 1:17. What is the number one reason must people don’t share their faith, or even pray for opportunities?

Get Yourself Ready!
• Romans 10:14 says, “How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”
  o Determine that you will be obedient to the call to share your faith.
  o Trust in the LORD and begin to pray for your lost friends and family.
  o Begin to pray that God would grant you opportunities to share your faith.
  o Prepare yourself – season your speech with salt by learning a gospel presentation and begin to memorize scripture.
  o Act, with grace and confidence in the LORD, when He presents you with an opportunity to share.

MEMORIZE Colossians 4:5-6