

SERMON NOTES

Date: May 12, 2017

Series: My Circle

Title: Meaningful Gospel Presence

Text: Colossians 4:2-6

Big Idea: Living missionally means cultivating a meaningful gospel presence in the lives of the people in our circles of influence.

I. A Prayerful Presence (2-4)

A. Its Character

- “steadfastly”
- “being watchful”
- “with thanksgiving”

B. Its Content

- “that God may open a door for the word”
- “to declare the mystery of Christ”
- “that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak”

II. A Wise Presence (5-6)

A. “making the best use of the time”

B. “let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt”

C. “so that you may know how you ought to answer each person”

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

What's the difference between being present in someone's life verses having a Gospel presence?

Why is having a Gospel presence important? _____

Why is prayer such an important component to effective missional living? _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What obstacles hinder you from evangelistically praying daily for someone that is in your circle of influence? How can you move beyond these obstacles? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

Who in your life do you feel the greatest burden to share Christ with right now? _____

Based on the names you put down on your *circle of influence*, what are some tangible ways you can be a blessing to them in the name of Jesus? _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Think about the activities you are a part of each day of this coming week. How can you use your regular activities to engage the people in your circles of influence? (look for thing you could do with an unbeliever instead of doing them by yourself) _____

Do you need to remove any activities that keep you from engaging people? Do you need to add any activities that would give you more opportunities to engage people? _____
