



More Courage to Share the Gospel

Discussion Guide

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Ephesians 6:19-20

Questions for Study

1. Think through some of the things you've been praying about lately. How does what you pray for reflect what's important to you?
2. Read Ephesians 6:19-20. Based on what Paul is asking for prayer for here, what's important to him? Summarize your answer in a short phrase or two.
3. Paul knows that sharing the gospel is a top priority. Read the following passages, and share how they reinforce the priority of sharing the gospel (i.e., the good news of Jesus Christ):
 - Matthew 28:19-20:
 - Acts 1:8:
 - Acts 20:24:
 - Colossians 4:5-6:
4. Read through Ephesians 2:4-10, then answer the following questions:
 - Identify key words or phrases that should be included in an outline of the gospel. (If you need some help, ask these questions of the passage: "What are we saved FROM?"; "What are we saved BY?"; and "What are we saved FOR?")
 - How should the amazing truth of this good news motivate us to share the gospel with others?
5. If sharing the gospel is a priority, how can you do this courageously and confidently? Share any tips you've heard, practical lessons from your own experiences talking with others, etc.
6. What are the biggest reasons Christians don't share the gospel? (Think about specific fears, obstacles, or excuses.) How can you overcome any of these specific fears or obstacles?
7. In Ephesians 6:19-20, Paul is asking for prayer in this area of sharing the gospel. In other words, he knows how badly he needs others if he's going to act on the priority of sharing the gospel. How can your Community Group be a place where you find encouragement and support in sharing the gospel with others?
8. **Challenge:** Memorize Ephesians 6:19-20: ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.