



Intentional Relationships

Discussion Guide | December 1, 2019

Colossians 4:5-6

Questions for Study and Discussion

**Before you begin, please read Colossians 4:5-6 as a group.

1. Talk about one healthy relationship in your life that you had to intentionally cultivate (it didn't just "all happen automatically"). What specific things have you done to intentionally cultivate that relationship?
2. Why is deciding to be intentional with relationships so important? What can make this difficult?
3. "A follower of Jesus Christ that is intentional with relationships should be actively looking for natural ways to weave the gospel into conversations and interactions." Do you agree with this statement? Is there anything you'd add or subtract? Explain.
4. Read Colossians 4:5-6. In your own words, summarize what this passage is saying.
5. From Colossians 4:5-6, what stands out to you about how we tell others about Jesus? What might this look like in existing relationships in your life?
6. Paul knows that sharing the gospel is a top priority. Read the following passages, then state each one reinforces the priority of sharing the gospel ("the good news of Jesus Christ"):
 - Matthew 28:19-20
 - Acts 20:24
 - Acts 1:8
 - Ephesians 6:19-20
7. 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?
8. What we learn in Colossians 4:5-6 shapes our value of "Intentional Relationships" as a church. What are we already doing as a church family to embody this value? Are there ways we can continue to grow in this value as a community of Christ-followers?
9. Think of 1-2 key "Who's Your One?" relationships in your life - relationships with people who aren't followers of Jesus, that you want to invest in in a more intentional way. In what ways can you embody this value in these relationships? What can this look like in your life this coming week?
10. This is the final sermon in Brookside's core values series ("Be Remarkable: Five Values to Drive Your Life"). Briefly review each of the 5 values listed below, summarizing each one and sharing one way you can "lean in" to this value personally.
 - All People Matter to God
 - Leadership Development
 - Biblical Authority
 - Intentional Relationships
 - The Next Generation
11. **Challenge: Memorize Colossians 4:5-6:** 5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.