**“Open Doors”**

Going deeper in Colossians 4:2-6

**INTRODUCTION** – In the passage prior to this the Apostle Paul has talked about God’s gracious intentions for our relationships; marriage, family, and work. He now shows how God’s gracious intentions should affect our relationships with those outside the faith.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.* 2 Continue in prayer, keep your eyes wide open with a sense of gratitude. 3 At the same time keep praying for us, that God will open a door to tell the mystery of Christ, for which I am locked up in this jail. 4 Pray that I will able to make it as clear as I should. 5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside. Make the most of every opportunity. 6 Always be gracious in your speech, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. What do you think it means to keep your eyes wide open with gratitude in prayer?

2. Are you regularly praying for opportunities to share your gratitude for what Jesus has done for you? Why or why not? Do you pray this for other believers?

3. What does it mean to walk with wisdom with those who have not yet trusted Jesus? Name some ways that we can do this?

4. How can Christians be more gracious in their speech? How can you be?

5. What does salt do to food? What might that suggest about conversations with those who have not yet stepped across the line of faith?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Tell the Lord Jesus what you are grateful for.

\*Ask the Lord Jesus to increase your sense of gratitude

\*Pray that the Lord will give you opportunities to share your faith. Pray the same for others believers in your life.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

Your ongoing conversation (prayer life) with God should be growing. How can you bring more prayer into your daily life? Will you pray for and look for open doors to share your gratitude for what the Lord Jesus has done in your life?