



## Colossians: Week 9 – Gospel Opportunities

Jesus promised to build His church, so it is, by nature, an offensive organism intended to grow and expand. But too often, believers take a defensive posture, pulling away from the world we're called to engage with the gospel. As Paul closes out his letter to the Colossians, he reminds us of our calling and purpose to keep the movement moving by making disciples, because the good news is too good not to share.

### Discussion Questions:

1. If you play sports, or played growing up, did you prefer offense or defense? Why?
2. **Read Colossians 4:2-6.** In what ways is Paul calling us to play offense in these verses? When it comes to your faith, do you find yourself playing offense or defense? Give some examples.
3. What role does prayer play in the spread of the gospel? The early church prayed for boldness after being threatened not to share the gospel (**Acts 4:24-28**). Do you find yourself praying more for protection from the world or for empowerment in the Word? Share a story about how God gave you boldness to share about His goodness.
4. What's your biggest challenge in sharing your own faith story? How can **verses 5-6** help strengthen you in that regard?
5. Shawn talked about living in a way that invites curiosity about your faith? How can you do this more intentionally? Do you feel like you "know how you should answer each person" that asks you about your faith? If not, what do you think you lack?
6. As Jesus followers, we are called to make disciples. Do you sense God opening doors for someone in particular? If not, pray for opportunities and "stay alert" to what God will do. Close by praying for those specific individuals and opportunities as a group.