

Rooted and built up

Colossians

Study 6 *Colossians 4:2-18*

Talkabout

1. What are the images or thoughts that come to mind when you hear the word “evangelism”? How does it make you feel?

Read vv2-6

2. How do these verses give us guidance about our prayer priorities and our outreach?
3. Who are the people you consider to be ‘outsiders’? How might these verses help you to ‘make the most of every opportunity’ (v5)?
4. How does this section help us see the relationship between the gifted evangelist (e.g. Paul) and the ‘ordinary’ Christian?

Read vv7-18

5. How do these verses give us an insight into Paul’s own situation at the time of writing this letter?
6. What do we learn from Epaphras about priorities and struggles in prayer (vv12,13)?
7. Paul’s description of his friends focuses on their hard work for the gospel. How in practice can we encourage one another to be serving God’s people and also those who are not yet Christians?

For prayer

- Give thanks for ‘open doors’ God has given us for passing the gospel on to others.
- Pray for wisdom in the way we relate to not-yet Christians and for opportunities to speak about Christ with them.