

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION
Life Together: 5. Gracious witness – Reaching People

1. Have you invited somebody to church/a church event in the past twelve months? If not, why not? *(N.B: try to side-step both right and/or wrong guilt you might feel and simply analyse what has kept you from inviting people).*

Read Colossians 4:2-6

2. Who are the people in your life who would qualify as “outsiders”/”not-yet Christians”? N.B: If you can’t think of any, what can you do to include outsiders in your life?
3. Are you praying regularly (as in weekly or more often) for any of them? Why/why not?
4. How should Colossians 4:2-6 influence what you pray for them?
5. What other kinds of “evangelistic” praying does this passage say we should be doing? Who are the “gospel proclaimers” in your life that you could be praying for?

Spend some time praying for the people you’ve mentioned in questions 2 and 5.

Verses 5 and 6 make a link between living wisely and non-Christians asking you about your behaviour and belief.

6. How would the not-yet-Christians in your life know that you are a Christian? Do they know?
7. Has a not-yet-Christian asked you about your behaviour or belief in the last year? If people aren’t asking you questions, what could be the problem?
8. How are you living wisely towards the outsiders in your life? Are you “making the most of the time” you have with outsiders? How would you know?

Verse 6 makes a link between our everyday speech and special answering about our Christianity.

9. What will gracious, everyday speaking look like? Why is this difficult for some (all) of us? How does the “always” affect this?
10. How does our everyday speech relate to answering questions about the gospel?
11. Do you know how to answer questions about the gospel if you are asked?