

part 4

Couriers for Christ

Preparing to Give More Than Just the Facts



1. Be _____

2. Be _____

3. Be _____

Colossians 4:3-6
³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. 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. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Describe a situation in which you embraced a message (product or opportunity), but did so *in spite of* the method and demeanor of the messenger.

How would you feel if you knew that a non-Christian was stumbling over your evangelistic methods or demeanor? Do you think that may be happening now?

2. Read Ephesians 4:15. Describe a situation in which you attempted to present the truth, but now realize you could have used more diplomacy and compassion.

Do you know someone who needs to hear the gospel in a more appropriate manner than they've heard it before?

3. In what ways can you reveal the pertinence of the gospel in your everyday dialog with people?

4. What are some of the questions you have repeatedly heard non-Christians ask?

What resource listed below do you think might address that question? Make a commitment to study the topic further. When will you do so?

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Ex. 5-6 & Mt. 27

Monday

Ex. 7-8 & Mt. 28

Tuesday

Ex. 9-10 & Mk. 1

Wednesday

Ex. 11-12 & Mk. 2

Thursday

Ex. 13-14 & Mk. 3

Friday

Ex. 15-16 & Mk. 4

Saturday

Ex. 17-18 & Mk. 5

Here are some titles to help you supplement your presentation of the gospel with respectful, pertinent and rational dialog.

- Brooks, Ron, et al. **When Skeptics Ask: A Handbook of Christian Evidences**. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995.
- Carson, D. A. **How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1990.
- Erickson, Millard. **Christian Theology**. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1998.
- Geisler, Norman. **Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics**. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1999.
- Geisler, Norman and William Nix. **A General Introduction to the Bible**. Chicago: Moody Press, 1986.
- Kreeft, Peter and Ron Tacelli. **Handbook of Christian Apologetics**. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1994.
- Little, Paul. **Know Why You Believe: A Clear Affirmation of the Reasonableness of the Faith**. Wheaton: Victor, 1987.
- McDowell, Josh. **Handbook of Today's Religions**. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1992.
- _____. **The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict**. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1999.
- Moreland, J. P. **Love Your God with all Your Mind**. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 1997.
- _____. **Scaling the Secular City: A Defense of Christianity**. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1987.
- Schaeffer, Francis. **The Complete Works of Francis A. Schaeffer: A Christian World View**. Wheaton: Crossway, 1982.
- Strobel, Lee. **The Case for Christ**. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998.
- _____. **The Case for Faith**. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000.