



Sharing the Mystery

Colossians 4:2-6

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Objective of this study: To understand more about how to share the mystery of Jesus effectively with others.

[Remember, the main goal of each Growth Group is to allow God's Word to change your heart so that others would see Jesus in you and be likewise changed to be like him. He wants to change the world through us.]

Worship (5–10 minutes)

1. Sing a song or two of praise and thanksgiving to God.
2. Spend five minutes in silence asking God to prepare your heart for hearing his word. After the silence, have someone read **Psalm 57:9-11** meditatively to the group. Pause after each phrase letting God speak to you. **Did anything "jump out at you"?**

Welcome question

What kind of interaction with people draws you in to learn more?

[It's really important when doing this study that we each think about ourselves specifically and ways we need to grow, not how Christians in general need to grow. Do the hard work of letting the Holy Spirit speak to *your* heart.]

Word/Work (60-90 minutes)

1. What stood out from the sermon?
2. Read Colossians 4:2-6.
3. Paul presents 4 keys for sharing the mystery of Christ:
 1. Devote yourself to prayer (v 2-4). What exactly does Paul say about prayer? What components does he include? (See NLT to flesh out these ideas.) What does he ask for prayer for?
 2. Be wise towards outsiders (v 5). What does this look like? How can we be wise in the way we relate to people who don't know Jesus yet?
 3. Make the most of every opportunity (v 5). Again, what would this look like? ... Perhaps revisit the Welcome Question: What kind of interaction with people draws you in to learn more?
 4. Let your conversation be filled with grace (v 6). What makes conversation gracious, or not?
4. As you look back on your journey towards Jesus, can you think of times when people were like this towards you? I.e. they engaged you graciously in conversation, or made the most of their interaction with you?
5. Are you aware of how your conversation or interaction with people affects them? Does it draw them closer to Jesus? Are there ways you are seeing you could improve in this area?
6. Why is prayer so important for sharing the mystery of Jesus with others?
7. What is your take-away? What is the Holy Spirit putting on your heart?

8. If this is your last GG meeting for the year, spend some time looking back at how God has 'grown' you this past year, drawn you closer to him, and worked among you as a group.

"Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long" (Psalm 25:5).

Prayer:

Special prayer request: Please pray for Jamilla and Nadeem Qazi. They have just received the devastating news that their son's wife, Ida, has cancer and doesn't have long to live. The couple has four young children.

Spend time praying for each other. **Thank Jesus for how he has grown you, and ask him for help in sharing him with others.**

Here are some things you can pray about for the church:

- A. That, as a church, we would actively and purposefully engage in the mission of Jesus in Campbell River.
- B. Our church board and staff as they lead us to live out the mission of Jesus.
- C. River Kids ministry as they reach out to kids in our community.
- D. **Missionaries: Sandy Ewan.** (Check our [website](#) for how to pray for her.)
- E. **Local church: Living Waters Fellowship.**

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