

# Elmbrook Discussion Questions

## Series: *Simple Living*

### *Witness In Practice*

#### Getting Started

1. What images come to mind when you hear the term “witness”?

#### Head: *What is the passage saying?*

Read aloud Colossians 4:2-6

1. What does this passage teach us about prayer?
  - What does praying have to do with us, our message, and the people we encounter?
2. Although Paul has been wronged, and “in chains”, what is his response?
3. What directions does Paul give his readers in verses 5 and 6?
  - What is the purpose of these directions?
  - What should be our motives when following these directions?
4. How does this passage encourage you to be intentional to prepare for “witnessing”?

#### Heart: *How does this passage influence my inner being?*

1. What changes in attitude and motive might be required of you in order to live out your conversations and personal relationships in this way?
2. What next step is God calling you to make about your life of “witness”? Is this a step you are willing to make?
3. In your personal conversations, how do you do at:
  - Asking good questions?
  - Listening well to someone’s story?
  - Empathizing with what someone shares?
  - Sharing information about what they are asking for?

#### Hands: *How do I practically live this out?*

Here are some suggestions, or identify your own practical next step.

1. **Serve:** Simply display the truths of this passage by the way you serve another person. It may be inconvenient, but be willing (and eager!) to serve someone and meet a practical need.
2. **Commit:** Take a further step into intentional witness, and live out this passage in everyday conversations and relationships.
3. **Pray:** Live out the practice of praying as described in this passage. It will begin to change you first!
4. **Talk It Out:** Share with someone about what God is teaching you about witnessing. Take a step to be less private about your faith. Perhaps this conversation may encourage, or spur them on.
5. **Memorize Scripture:** Commit Colossians 4:2-6 to memory. Invite God to speak to you through this practice. Be open and ready to respond to what He has for you.