

# Small Group Discussion Guide

“Real Mature” (pt. 2) – 05.17.2015

**Scripture:** Colossians 4:2-6

**Bottom Line:** Spiritually mature Christians love people far from God.

## INTRODUCTION/ICEBREAKER:

Rob shared an irrational fear that has haunted him for many years - cockroaches! Go around the room and have each small group member share what their most, 'irrational fear,' is.

## UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

**Read Colossians 4:2-6**

Paul is encouraging believers to be mindful and strategic when reaching out to outsiders.

- 1) What are some of the ways Paul says to reach out to outsiders? Discuss practical ways to do each one. (pray for God to open a door, walk in wisdom, make the best use of time, be gracious with your speech, and know the gospel)
- 2) Who helped lead you to faith in Jesus? In what ways did they love you well?

Rob mentioned 2 characteristics of people who do an incredible job of loving people far from God. These people **remember that they were once far from God** and they are **people who live their lives on mission with God**.

- 1) Why is remembering that you were once far from God important in reaching out to those currently far from God? (*no judgment toward others, relate to struggles, points to Jesus*).
- 2) What does it mean to be on mission with God? Why is it important?

## LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

- 1) Who has God placed around you that is far from God?
- 2) What are some practical ways you can love them well?
- 3) Take time as a small group to pray for these people and that God would continue to open doors for you to share His love with them.