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**Study Questions**  
*Complete in Christ: A Study in the Book of Colossians*  
**The Sufficiency of Christ and Outreach**  
**Colossians 4:2-6**  
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### **Opening Discussion**

1. What comes to mind when you think of evangelism? How would you describe your emotional response to the idea of evangelism in one word?
2. Share a bad experience you've had with evangelism either as the person doing the evangelizing or the person being evangelized. Share a good experience? What made the difference?

### **Bible Study**

1. Read Colossians 4:2-6. What relationship does "devote yourselves to prayer" have to our belief in the sufficiency of Christ? In other words, can you really believe in the sufficiency of Christ and not be persistent in prayer? Why or why not?
2. What does it mean to be "alert" in prayer in the context of verse 2?
3. Why is it so important to emphasize thanksgiving in our prayers? Which is more likely to keep us focused on the sufficiency of Christ in prayer, asking or thanking? Why?
4. Paul asks for prayer that God will open a door for the Gospel to be thoughtfully shared. What does he mean by an open door? How would you define an open door and how would you define a closed door? How many of the negative experiences in evangelism are caused by people trying to force the message through a closed door?
5. Paul states that we, as Christians, should be wise (skilled) in our behavior with unbelievers to make the most of opportunities. What does this mean? What does it mean for our speech to "...always be with grace as though seasoned with salt?"
6. What does Paul mean by "that you will know how you should respond to each person?" How does this fit with our theme of "each one reach one?"

### **Application**

1. Summarize what you've learned from this text regarding the relationship between the sufficiency of Christ and evangelism.

2. How are you doing with the each one reach one strategy? Who are you praying for? What has happened so far?
3. How will this text in Colossians effect your approach to reaching that “one” person?  
What’s your next step?