



# Colossians



**SHEPHERD**CHURCH

# Week 9: Make the Most of Every Opportunity

## Welcome

Choose one of the following to answer:

- What's one opportunity you missed that still makes you laugh—or cringe—a little today?
- If time and money weren't an issue, what would you do in the next year?

## Worship

Read **Psalm 90:12-17**. Then take a few minutes to silently reflect on the phrase "Teach us to number our days..." Invite group members to pray one sentence each, asking God to help them use their time wisely and live with intentionality.

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## Word

If you haven't already, watch the video lesson and read **Colossians 4:2-18**.

1. Compare **Colossians 4:2 with Mark 14:38; 1 Peter 5:8; and Nehemiah 4:9**. What does it mean to be "watchful" in prayer? How does this idea tie into spiritual vigilance and awareness of God-given opportunities?

2. In **Colossians 4:3-4**, Paul asks for open doors even while in chains. Read **Philippians 1:12-14 and 2 Timothy 2:9**. How does this reflect Paul's theology of suffering. What does this teach us about sharing Jesus regardless of the circumstances?

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3. Notice that Paul is writing from prison but doesn't ask for comfort or rescue. What steps can you take to develop the same attitude when you are enduring difficult seasons?

4. According to **Colossians 4:5-6**, how should we interact with people outside the faith? What do *wisdom*, *grace*, and being *seasoned with salt* look like in our everyday conversations?

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5. In the video lesson, Neimad explained that “make the most” can mean to *redeem* or *buy up* every opportunity. How can this mindset help you engage more intentionally in your home, workplace, or community?

6. Paul names several people in the closing verses (**Colossians 4:7-18**). How does this list challenge the idea that ministry belongs only to church staff? What stands out to you about how these believers seized their opportunities?

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7. Reflect on this series through Colossians. What have you learned? What have you reaffirmed? How has this series encouraged your understanding of and walk with Jesus?

## Witness

Think about your upcoming week. What's one place or situation where you need to intentionally "redeem the time" for the sake of Christ? Share your response with the group. Then pray that each member would be bold, wise, and full of grace as they step into those moments.

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## Personal Reflection & Deeper Study for this Week

- Memorize **Colossians 4:5-6**.
- Read Colossians every day this week in a different Bible version every day.
- Read **Ephesians 5:15-17**. Paul contrasts wise and unwise living in the context of evil days. Based on the surrounding verses in Ephesians 5 and the broader context of Ephesians, how does Paul define wisdom? What habits, perspectives, or spiritual disciplines help us discern "what the Lord's will is" in everyday moments, and how can we grow in attentiveness to God-given opportunities?
- Read **1 Peter 3:15-17**. Peter calls believers to readiness in explaining their hope, even in the face of suffering or slander (verses 14-17). How does this passage challenge our assumptions about "evangelism" and the posture we bring into spiritual conversations? In what ways can suffering, humility, and moral integrity prepare the soil of our hearts—and others' hearts—for meaningful witness?
- Read **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**. This passage links new identity in Christ (verse 17) with a divine calling to represent Him (verse 20). How does understanding ourselves as "ambassadors of reconciliation" change the way we view difficult people, polarized culture, or those far from God? What does it practically look like to embody God's heart of reconciliation while remaining grounded in truth and holiness?
- Journaling Prompt
  - Write about one area of your life where you've felt stuck, disappointed, or overlooked.
  - Ask God to help you reframe that place as an opportunity for His purpose.