

Sermon Guide for April 12, 2026

Sermon Title: “Church in Public”

Primary Text: Colossians 4:2-6

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While these four verses are relatively short, as we discovered there are **many** things we need to consider as examined the text together! The general momentum of the entire book as followed the central theme that **Jesus Christ** and the **Gospel** must be at the center of everything we do as church corporately and individually. As Paul brings his letter to a close, he focused now on how the church exists within the **public** space, and how we must prepare for it. We do this by first **praying**, with a heart of thankfulness and in a way that reminds us of all that God has done, is doing, and has promised to do. Second, we pray that God will make us **ready** for the opportunities He will bring into our lives to speak **clearly** and **accurately** when it comes to the Gospel impact in our lives.

Finally, we remembered that by being in **Public**, as a community of believers are **words** and **actions** are visible to those around us. Because of that, we need to make sure (through the working of the Spirit) our “deeds” are aligned with a Gospel-Changed life and that our “speech” not only reflects that change but is *savory*, pleasing to the world around us.

Beyond our main text, Pastor Zach referenced these passages:

Colossians 1:1-8; 2:6-17; 3:12-14

Galatians 4:5-7

Questions to Consider this week:

- Think about how you prepare for the day. Is your habit **now** to prayerfully reflect on God’s work and promises? If not, what can you do **this week** to change that?
- Reflect on the “Before” and “After” aspects of your testimony. Are you ready to talk about that with other people?
- Who do you think of when it comes to “attractive” or “well-salted” speech and conduct. How can you emulate their “Word and Deed” in your own life?

Guided Prayer

*Lord Jesus, thank you for the work you’ve done in my life. In those areas where I do not readily display that, help me change to be more like You. Prepare me, even as I pray now, to be ready to share Your **GOSPEL** with those around me. Let my words and actions reflect well on who You are and who you’ve made **ME** to be. -AMEN*

Song for Personal Worship:

“May the Peoples Praise You” (Keith and Krystin Getty)

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