Group Discussion:

CONNECT RELATIONALLY (roughly 25% of your meeting time)

- Share Highs & Lows from the week / Share prayer needs & practice prayer together / Split into sub-groups (e.g. men / women) to share
- (Ice breaker question) *As a group google "Bystander effect" Have you ever seen or experienced this before? If so, how?*

GROW SPIRITUALLY (roughly 50% of your meeting time)

- *How do we as the church fall into the "Bystander effect" when it comes to our calling of sharing the gospel? In what ways have you been tempted to be a bystander when it comes to engaging the world with the gospel?*
- *As a group read Colossians 4:2-6*
- *Why is prayer so important to the further spread of the gospel among us? What should we be praying for specifically?*
- *In Colossians 4:4 Paul ask for prayer to make the gospel clear. What are some practical ways you have learned to make the gospel clear? Where do you struggle?*
- *Paul challenges the Colossians to "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time." (4:5) Where in your life are you doing this well? Where is there room for improvement?*
- *Paul challenges the Colossians to, "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." (4:6) Similarly Peter says, "but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame" (1 Peter 3:15-16) Who have you seen do this well? Where can you grow in living this out?*
- *Read Colossians 4:7-18. What can we learn through Paul's robust network of gospel partners?*

LIVE MISSIONALLY (roughly 25% of your meeting time)

- Scriptural reminder of God's missional heart – Acts 6:7
- Ask for any stories of BLESS steps that have happened recently. Celebrate anything shared.
- Ask people to update their FRANCES list of people that may be far from God. Who has God brought back up on your minds & hearts recently? Where do you see new potential opportunities?
- Ask people to consider and commit to 1-3 practical BLESS steps that they might accomplish in the upcoming season (week / month). What do you plan to do? How / when will you ensure it happens?
- Pray over specific names or steps that were shared.