

Ephesians 6:19-20

Focused on Our Mission

As Paul wraps up this letter to the Ephesians, it is interesting to see his focus as he requests prayer from this church.

> What was Paul's one desire (vv. 19-20)? That God would give him the words to speak so that he could boldly share the gospel.

> What word did Paul use to describe the role he had in his service to the Lord (v. 20)? Ambassador. What does this term mean and why did Paul use it? Someone who is sent out as a representative. Paul represented Christ by sharing the gospel.

> Paul makes it clear he wants to be bold as he accomplishes the purpose God has for him. Why is boldness necessary? Boldness allows us to look past fears and distractions, and remain determined and committed to accomplishing our mission.

Application

> What do you think gave Paul such a desire to share the gospel? He knew that was the mission God had given him, he understood his obligation to do so, and he desired to fulfill his purpose.

> Paul's expressed desire to share the gospel comes after several chapters of biblical truth. List some truths from Ephesians that should motivate us to share the gospel as well: The spiritual blessings/forgiveness God has given to us; God's power that takes people from death to life; God's grace and love revealed to us; the new life and identity we have in Christ; etc.

We live in a different time and place than Paul did, but our mission is the same. Do you recognize that as a believer you are a representative of Christ to the world? You have the obligation and privilege to share the gospel with those around you... and to do so boldly! Let us get intentional about living for Christ and sharing Him with others!