

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of April 6, 2008

Getting started: Make a statement about your experience in trying to share your faith.

Open your Bible to Col. 1:26-27; Eph. 6:18-19; 2 Cor. 4:3-4

- In what sense is the gospel a mystery?
- How do you see in your relationships with unbelievers that the gospel is a mystery?
- Read Matt. 16:15-17; 1 Cor. 2:7-10; John 6:44-45, 65. What do these verses tell us regarding our efforts to share Christ with others?
- In his book, *Secret to an Open Door*, Dave Morel says, “There are three primary elements to personal evangelism... prayer (breaking through the mystery), the Bible (revealing the mystery), and faith (stepping out of the comfort zone). Read Col. 4:2-6. Share where you would like to pray for an open door “for the word”. In what other ways might you pray?
- Morel is big on putting a Bible—or a New Testament—in the hands of a curious unbeliever. Why?
- Stepping out in faith, when it comes to sharing our faith, is daunting. Read Ex. 4:10-11. That was God’s word to Moses for a very specific situation. Does God make a similar guarantee to us in talking with unbelievers? What can we count on God to do?



Please pray for...

- Open doors to the gospel, specifically, for each of you
- That God would stir up evangelism in our church so that we might see people born again.

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