ChristChurch London Life Group Discussion Outline – 17/02/08
How to win the world
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1. **Read Colossians 4:3-6**
2. **Verse 4 says "Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should."**

GET THE GROUP TO DIVIDE INTO PAIRS FOR A ROLE-PLAY EXERCISE!

IMAGINE you have met someone at a party. They have found out that you are a church-goer, and they ask you, "so what is it exactly that you believe?" Time your partner, using a wristwatch; you have two minutes to "proclaim [the Christian gospel] clearly" (Col 4:4). At the end of 2 minutes, stop your partner, (even if they are still explaining 'sin' and have not yet got to the cross!).

Then:

a) Get the gospel explainer to discuss how they felt about their 2 minutes?
b) Get the listener to give some feedback (e.g. "that bit was great", "but you left out X", or 'Y wasn't clear.')

Then swap roles, and repeat the process above.

3. **Get back into one big group, and discuss: "what, if anything, did we learn through doing this gospel summary role-play exercise?"**

4. **Verse 5 says: "Make the most of every opportunity"**

GET THE GROUP TO CHANGE PAIRS, SO THAT EVERYONE'S NOW WITH SOMEONE DIFFERENT

IMAGINE the same role-play as above. They have found out that you are a church-goer, and then they ask: "have you always been religious?" Use this as a launching off point to give either your salvation testimony, or some other testimony of something that God has done for you. You have exactly 2.00 minutes as above.

Then:

a) Get the testimony giver to reflect on how they did
b) The listener gives feedback/encouragement

5. **Get back into one big group, and discuss: "what, if anything, did we learn through doing this testimony role-play exercise?"**

6. **Verse 6 says: "so that you may know how to answer everyone."**

See also 1 Peter 3:15-16 which says: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." As a group, draw up a list or vote on which are the questions, non-christians are most likely to ask. (e.g. why does God allow suffering?) Then, get into pairs once more, and you have 2 minutes to answer each one. Repeat the process above!