

COLOSSIANS FOUNDATIONS

STUDY 8: COLOSSIANS 4:7-18 BUILDING YOUR TEAM

Start by praying for your study

Feedback from Preparation:

What did we learn about Paul's heart from this passage?

Read the following passage in the group:

Colossians 4:7-18 Tychicus will tell you all the news about me; he is a beloved brother, a faithful minister, and a fellow servant in the Lord.⁸ I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts;⁹ he is coming with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you about everything here.¹⁰ Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, as does Mark the cousin of Barnabas, concerning whom you have received instructions, if he comes to you, welcome him.¹¹ And Jesus who is called Justus greets you. These are the only ones of the circumcision among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you. He is always wrestling in his prayers on your behalf, so that you may stand mature and fully assured in everything that God wills...

¹³ For I testify for him that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you. ¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶ And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷ And say to Archippus, "See that you complete the task that you have received in the Lord." ¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

What stood out to you from this passage?

KEEPING CONNECTED 4:7-9

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What do we learn about Paul's relationship to the Colossians?
What does Paul particularly value in those he works with?

PAUL'S MISSION TEAM 4:10-18

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Here we see Paul's mission team working together to strengthen the believers and to reach the world.

Who do you see regularly who already knows Jesus?
How can you strengthen each other in your faith?
Who together can you pray for and seek to introduce to Jesus?
How can you do that?

CONCLUSION:

What are the key things you have learned from studying Colossians?
How can you pass on what you've received to others?
What might be the next steps for us as we learn to follow Jesus and introduce others to him?