

Colossians: Christ in Us

Colossians 4:7-18

Sermon: In Closing

Sermon Theme: *Community unlocks the potential God has invested in each of us.*

OPENING QUESTIONS

Group leaders, you are challenged to come up with 2 discussion starter-questions that either relate to the sermon or are relevant to your specific growth group.

THE WORD READ

- Have the text read aloud in your group by either nominating someone or by taking turns.

Colossians 4:2-6 (ESV), ⁷*Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord.* ⁸*I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts,* ⁹*and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.*

¹⁰*Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and 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. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow 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, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.* ¹³*For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis.* ¹⁴*Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas.* ¹⁵*Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.* ¹⁶*And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea.* ¹⁷*And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”*

¹⁸*I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.*

- Have your group pray that Holy Spirit would work in your group so the group would have a fuller grasp of the text, have a great discussion, and would grow as friends.

THE WORD DISCUSSED

- Watch the sermon discussion video, taking note of points for later discussion.
- What new insights into the sermon or the text did you discover through this video?

THE WORD PREACHED

- How has your knowledge of God deepened through this sermon?
- How has your understanding of the world broadened through this sermon?
- How has your awareness of yourself been enriched through this sermon?

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- What new truths about the Christianity, the Church, or Christ have you discovered thru this sermon?

THE WORD LIVED

- In what ways were you personally comforted in you walk with Christ through this sermon?
- Where were you personally convicted by the Holy Spirit in the area of holiness through this sermon?
- How were you personally commissioned to live more fully for God through this sermon - and how can this group pray to support you and hold you accountable to this?

CLOSING PRAYER

Spend some time as a group praying for each other's needs. (Group Leaders, be mindful of on-going prayer requests.) Challenge everyone to pray aloud.