



COLOSSIANS

Colossians 4:7-18 // Rooted and Built Up

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Getting Started

- *Larger LIFEGroups may consider splitting into same gender groups in order to facilitate more meaningful discussion.*
- *Groups will not have enough time to discuss every question. Leaders are encouraged to skip questions and make substitutions based on what's best for their group.*

Warm Ups (15 Min)

- Everyone go around and share a “High” from the week and a “Low” from the week.
- If you knew you couldn't fail, and money was not an object to you, what would you like to do in the next 5 years?

Scripture Study (30 Min)

- Read Colossians 4:7-16
- In this passage you can see the closeness of the body of Christ as they partner together to connect people to Jesus. Luke (4:14), the writer of the Gospel of Luke and Acts is noted as well as Mark (4:10), the writer of the Gospel of Mark. Epaphras was most likely the founding pastor of the church in Colossae (1:7; 4:12).
- These are the names of real people, Jewish and Non-Jewish who heard the Good News about Jesus and then devoted their lives to His cause.
- Epaphras is “struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God” (4:12). How is this a summary statement of the letter to the Colossians?

- Some of the major teachings in this letter are: 1) Faith, Hope, and Love 2) Christian Maturity Fuels Perseverance 3) The Image of God Being Restored in Us 4) The Supremacy of Christ in a Spiritual World 5) The Power of the Christian who Has Christ Living Inside of Them 6) The Freedom of the Christian 7) Heavenly Priorities 8) Vices and Virtues 9) Sacrifice in Marriage 10) Courageous Parenting 11) Workplace and the Gospel 12) Prayer.
- What teaching in this letter made an impact on you? Why?
- What teaching in this letter challenged or corrected a previously held belief?
- How can we focus on the mission to connect people to Jesus more strongly at our church?
- Is God calling on you to greater unity and participation in your church's mission?

Group Prayer (15 Min)

Trios (20 Min)

Same gender groups of three. If numbers are uneven, go to groups of two.

- **Spiritual Velocity:**
 - How did you see God at work in your life this week?
 - What has God been teaching you in His Word as you've encountered it in this week's Life Journal readings, Sunday message, or LIFEGroup study?
 - What's an area of your life in which you know you need to repent or grow? How can we encourage you?
- **Joining Jesus on His Mission:**
 - What kind of conversations are you having with non-Christians? How's your 3-2-1 challenge going? Share about connections you're building and spiritual conversations you're having with non-believing neighbors and friends.
 - List the names of non-Christians in your life that you can pray for:

 - What good can we do around here? (Missional party? Service project?)
 - How can we help each other, our neighbors, and our city in prayer?