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MAIN SCRIPTURE: Colossians 4:7-18 (NLT)

²⁷ Tychicus will give you a full report about how I am getting along. He is a beloved brother and faithful helper who serves with me in the Lord's work. ⁸ I have sent him to you for this very purpose—to let you know how we are doing and to encourage you. ⁹ I am also sending Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, one of your own people. He and Tychicus will tell you everything that's happening here.

¹⁰ Aristarchus, who is in prison with me, sends you his greetings, and so does Mark, Barnabas's cousin. As you were instructed before, make Mark welcome if he comes your way. ¹¹ Jesus (the one we call Justus) also sends his greetings. These are the only Jewish believers among my co-workers; they are working with me here for the Kingdom of God. And what a comfort they have been! ¹² Epaphras, a member of your own fellowship and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. He always prays earnestly for you, asking God to make you strong and perfect, fully confident that you are following the whole will of God. ¹³ I can assure you that he prays hard for you and also for the believers in Laodicea and Hierapolis.

¹⁴ Luke, the beloved doctor, sends his greetings, and so does Demas. ¹⁵ Please give my greetings to our brothers and sisters^[a] at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church that meets in her house. ¹⁶ After you have read this letter, pass it on to the church at Laodicea so they can read it, too. And you should read the letter I wrote to them. ¹⁷ And say to Archippus, "Be sure to carry out the ministry the Lord gave you."

¹⁸ HERE IS MY GREETING IN MY OWN HANDWRITING — PAUL. Remember my chains. May God's grace be with you.

WARM-UP

- In the final portion of Colossians, Paul gives a type of checklist, of things we can do and keep doing that strengthen the church. It's a report card or self-assessment that the church can do. When you were a student, how did you typically feel when it was time for report cards to come out? Did it give you anxiety? Joy? Did you try to hide it, or were you proud to show it off? How did you feel about report card time?

(Below you will find the main points of this week's sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)

Thought #1 – The mission moves forward as we focus on being a team!

Verses: Colossians 4:7-18

- What do you think it means for a church to be a strong team?
- As you look around College Church, what marks of a good team do you see? What areas for improvement do you see?
- On a scale of 1-10, rank your own team participation from low participation to high participation. Why do you say this?

Thought #2 – Be a church that is all about sending!

Verses: Colossians 4:7-18

- What fear or anxieties do you experience when you think about College Church being a sending church?
- What joys or blessings do you experience when you think about College Church being a sending church?

Thought #3 - Be a church that is full of encouragement!

Verses: Colossians 4:7-18

- Who have some of the most encouraging voices been in your life?
- On a scale of 1-10, how encouraging do you think you typically are for others? 1 (Low), 10 (High). Why do you say this?

Thought #4 - Be a church that keeps praying!

Verses: Colossians 4:7-18

- In your opinion, how do the prayers of the church help or push the mission of the church forward? Why is this?
- What are you praying for College Church?

Thought #5 – Be a church that keeps extending grace!

Verses: Colossians 4:7-18

- Besides Jesus, who has shown you the most grace in your life, why do you say this?
- When in your life have you been the most gracious to others? Why?

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***Remember to record your attendance for the week. Thank you.

How can we pray for each other this week?
