

Saint Paul's Baptist Church

Weekday Study Notes

W E L C O M E T O S A I N T P A U L ' S

Saint Paul's Baptist Church exists to empower people to grow into all that God created them to be. We do that by finding needs and meeting them, finding problems, and solving them, finding hurts and healing them.

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God created us for community. To volunteer, participate in a small group, or learn more about upcoming events, visit myspbc.org or download our free mobile app from your favorite app store: MYPBCAPP.

NEED PRAYER?

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us during or after worship services for personal prayer at myspbc.info/prayerroom. You may also submit a prayer request anytime at myspbc.info/prayer.

JESUS IS GREATER: A STUDY IN COLOSSIANS

Today's Lesson: How to Invest in God's Kingdom

Colossians 4:7-18 (Message)

⁷⁻⁹ My good friend Tychicus will tell you all about me. He's a trusted minister and companion in the service of the Master. I've sent him to you so that you would know how things are with us, and so he could encourage you in your faith. And I've sent Onesimus with him. Onesimus is one of you and has become such a trusted and dear brother! Together they'll bring you up-to-date on everything that has been going on here.

¹⁰⁻¹¹ Aristarchus, who is in jail here with me, sends greetings; also Mark, cousin of Barnabas (you received a letter regarding him; if he shows up, welcome him); and also Jesus, the one they call Justus. These are the only ones left from the old crowd who have stuck with me in working for God's kingdom. Don't think they haven't been a big help!

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¹²⁻¹³ Epaphras, who is one of you, says hello. What a trooper he has been! He's been tireless in his prayers for you, praying that you'll stand firm, mature and confident in everything God wants you to do. I've watched him closely and can report on how hard he has worked for you and for those in Laodicea and Hierapolis.

¹⁴ Luke, good friend and physician, and Demas both send greetings. ¹⁵ Say hello to our friends in Laodicea; also to Nympha and the church that meets in her house. ¹⁶ After this letter has been read to you, make sure it gets read also in Laodicea. And get the letter that went to Laodicea and have it read to you.

¹⁷ And, oh, yes, tell Archippus, "Do your best in the job you received from the Master. Do your very best." ¹⁸ I'm signing off in my own handwriting—Paul. Remember to pray for me in this jail. Grace be with you.

Main Idea: As members of the body of Christ, we are called to cooperate and collaborate as we serve Jesus and partner with others to fulfill his mission and build his kingdom.

1. We Should _____ Others to Serve Christ (4:7-9).

- a. Enlist others to be _____ of Christ (4:7-9).
- b. Enlist others to be _____ for Christ (4:8-9).

2. We Should _____ Others to Serve Christ (4:10-14).

- a. We must _____ one another (4:10-14).
- b. We must _____ one another (4:12-14).

3. We Should _____ Others to Serve Christ (4:15-18).

- a. We must be _____ to the ministry of the church (4:15-16).
- b. We must _____ the ministry of our calling (4:17-18).

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DIG DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. Why is collaboration and cooperation so important to fulfilling the mission God has given us? Why is enlisting others to serve Christ necessary for the fulfillment of the Great Commission?
2. How does Paul serve as an example in enlisting others to serve Christ? What are some ways we should encourage others to serve Christ that are modeled in this passage?
3. How might Paul's discussion of the example of Epaphras strengthen others to serve Christ? What can we learn from the ministry of Epaphras in this passage?
4. How does this passage encourage collaboration among local churches? How can we help one another fulfill the ministries of our callings?
5. How does Paul serve as an example in empowering others to serve Christ? How does Jesus perfectly model empowering others in ministry?

CHALLENGE: What is one “a-ha” moment you had today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week’s message, how would the next week be different for you?

SERVE: How is God calling us to live out this lesson this week? As individuals? As a group?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to review church announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at myspbc.org. You can also connect with us on social media at facebook.com/myspbc, instagram.com/myspbc and twitter.com/MySPBC_online. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to note praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to note prayer requests. Close with prayer.