



COLOSSIANS SERIES PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL PLAN

WEEK 10

Each week through this series, we are including five personal devotional readings followed by a couple of questions you can think on through the day. Monday is a day to set aside to read through the book of Colossians. The rest of the week we will look at two or three verses to contemplate more deeply and personally. We hope you enjoy digging into this important book over the next 10 weeks, and we pray God will use these short devotional questions to give you deeper insight and that through it, the gospel will be “bearing fruit and increasing” in you daily (Colossians 1:6).

Monday Reading: Read through Colossians in one sitting.

Devotional Question—What is something new that you picked up from your reading of Colossians this week? How can that thought be an encouragement throughout your day?

Tuesday Devotional: Read Colossians 4:10-11

Devotional Questions—Do you have anyone in your life who you would consider a “fellow worker for the kingdom of God?”

How has that person been a comfort to you? Spend some time thanking God for that person today—maybe give that person a call.

Wednesday Devotional: Read Colossians 4:12-13

Devotional Questions—Is there anyone for whom you “struggle” in prayer? Who and why?

How have you seen God moving in that person’s life? What is your active role in that?

Thursday Devotional: Read Colossians 4:14-16

Devotional Questions—What is God doing in other churches around you? Do you pray for them?

Thank God today for the Kingdom work He is doing in our city and throughout the world.

Friday Devotional: Read Colossians 4:17-18

Devotional Questions—What is something in your life that God wants you to do? Have you said yes?

What do you need to hand over to Him in order to make yourself more open to His leading?





COLOSSIANS 4:7-18

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE FROM 11/14/21

SERMON SUMMARY

We can tend to look past or dismiss the final verses of Colossians because they contain Paul's conclusion where he simply shares greetings and salutations to and from different individuals and fellow laborers. Paul gives instructions specifically about how to receive certain individuals who might be coming or have already visited the church. It is important that we not neglect these verses—they are the inspired words of God. But they tell us something about the breadth of the Church community, how believers cared for one another, and how they partnered together for the work of the gospel. As we study these verses this week, let's think through the ways we relate with one another as co-laborers in the body of Christ.

Key Passage: Colossians 4:7-18

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW—Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone. *The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.*

What is one way God is challenging you to trust Him this week?

What are some ways you have experienced God answering your prayers lately?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW—Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

What is the responsibility Tychicus and Onesimus were given when they were sent by Paul to Colossae? Why would it be important for them to know what Paul was doing?

Do we care about the work other churches are doing? Do we see ourselves as partners in the work of the ministry or as competitors?

In verses 10-11, Paul mentions several Jewish men who served with him in the work of the ministry and he says they were a comfort to him. Why do we need fellow servants of God to comfort us in the work of the ministry? Who are those people in your life?

In verses 12-13, Paul talks about the passion and love Epaphras had for Christians in Colossae—his passion to see them grow in spiritual maturity. Is there anyone in your life that has prayed for and been instrumental in your spiritual growth? How do you feel toward them?

Is there anyone in your life whose spiritual growth is important enough to you to pray for and invest in them? How do you do that?

Paul mentions that his letters should be read by various churches. As we read and think through the biblical epistles, how relevant are they to us even though they weren't written directly to us?

GO—Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

Who are the believers in your life with whom you experience deep community with like Paul did?

How is the community you are a part of different than the one Paul describes? What is it that brought them together? (Affinity? Like interests? Stage of life? Something greater?)

Who is the person who prays for you the most? Who is the person you pray for the most?

