

LG Questions

Spring Wk 7



Big Idea: *There are many important faces that make up the colleague of Christ. Take time to appreciate them.*

Read Colossians 4: 7-18

7 Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. 8 I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. 9 He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here. 10 My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) 11 Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. 12 Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. 13 I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. 14 Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. 15 Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. 16 After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea. 17 Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord." 18 I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

- 1. Paul mentions 10 people by name in the closing of this letter. Each of them played an important role in spiritual health of the church of Colossi. Share with your group a few names of people who play a role (big or small) in your spiritual health as a member of GBC. What role do they play? How do they help you spiritually? How do they help the body?**
- 2. One major reason for Paul sending Tychicus and Onesimus was to inform them of what was taking place in the church elsewhere. Why is it important to be informed about the activities of believers around the world? How does it help strengthen our local body to know what is happening in churches elsewhere?**

3. ***We can all likely name people who we consider to be loved brothers and sisters in Christ. What does it mean, though, in our churches today to be faithful ministers and fellow servants of the Lord?***
4. ***Paul tells us that Epaphras wrestles in prayer for the church of Colossi, Laodicea and Hierapolis. What does it mean to “wrestle” in prayer? Who “wrestles” in prayer for you? Who do you “wrestle” for in prayer?***
5. ***Paul closes this letter by asking the church of Colossi to “remember my chains.” What do you believe to be his motivation in asking them to remember his chains? What current day application could we draw from the words “remember my chains”? Who are some people that we need to remember?***

Prayer Time: *Spend time praying for people of GBC who you personally know. Pray for them as your brothers and sisters in Christ and give thanks for them while also lifting up their burdens.*