

WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ALL TO HIM

Raise the Flag

Series begins October 10/13

***All Connect Groups will use the Raise The Flag Study Guides!**

Group Serving Opportunity

Trunk or Treat

Thursday, Oct. 31st

5:30-6:30

Cartersville Location before the Gathering!

[Details and Signup HERE](#)

ICEBREAKER: Share a funny or memorable story about a time you were part of a team (sports, work project, school group, etc.). Discuss how working together or not working together made a difference in that experience.

CONTEXT: The Apostle Paul, in his closing remarks to the Colossians, highlights the importance of community and collaboration in the Christian journey. He emphasizes that we are not meant to walk alone but to support, encourage, and serve one another as part of God's family.

BOOK OF COLOSSIANS REVIEW:

We made it! Watch the Colossians Summary to bring it all together.

[Book of Colossians Summary: A Complete ...](#)

WE NEED EACH OTHER: WK 10

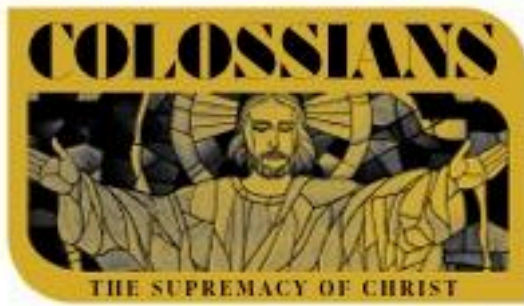
SCRIPTURE: Colossians 4:7-18

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.



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STARTER QUESTION

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon over the weekend and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Who are the individuals mentioned in Colossians 4:7-18 and what roles do they play in Paul's ministry? What do you think Paul's purpose was in mentioning these specific individuals?

How does this passage illustrate the concept that Christianity is a team sport rather than an individual endeavor? Is this a challenge for you and why?

How can we be more intentional in our prayers for others, following Epaphras's example in verse 12?

Share ideas as a group on how we can balance the demands of individualism with the need for community in our faith journey.

Pastor James gave us 3 reasons why we need each other. You need people to: image God rightly, grow spiritually and resist your enemy. Of these 3 reasons, which one(s) do you need a Biblical community to help you the most? Which one do you appreciate the most in your community?

This passage also teaches us that Christian Community Is Unity In Diversity. How does our unity give the Gospel credibility to others?

As we close our study, what has the book of Colossians taught you about God, who He is, and His character?

How has the series changed the way you think, act and respond as a follower of Jesus?

In your own words, how do you explain "The Supremacy of Christ"?

PRAYER

As a group use the **P.R.A.Y.** method from last week.

Pause - Take a second to understand who you are talking to. (Isaiah 6)

Rejoice - Thank God (practice gratitude)

Ask - Put your needs and the needs of others in front of him.

Yield - Surrender to His Will.

In silence, have each person ask God, "who is my ONE?" Who is ONE person in your life that needs to know that Jesus is enough and He is all we need? Take time to pray for your ONE by name.

Heavenly Father, We thank You for the gift of community and for the example set by Paul and his friends. Help us to support, encourage, and serve one another as we walk this journey of faith together. Unite us in Your love and empower us to be a reflection of Your Kingdom here on earth.

B.L.E.S.S. UPDATE

Review the BLESS principles and ask if anyone has an update to share.