

July 13, 2025 Discussion Guide
Scripture reading: Colossians 4:7-18

CHECK UP:

- *Memory Work: Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.
- Colossians 4:5
- *Did you take advantage of any opportunities this past week? (see Col 4:5)

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Did you B.L.E.S.S. someone this past week? (*Begin in prayer, Listen, Eat, Serve, Share*)

READ and ASK: Colossians 4:7-18

- From these closing remarks, what stands out to you?
- How do these remarks challenge the concept of "individual Christianity"?
 - o How does it encourage "team Christianity"?
- How did Paul set an example for mature church relationships?
 - o What do you think Paul would say to people who think you can be a Christian without remaining connected to the church?

APPLY:

- Paul demonstrated the value of teamwork in ministry; how well do you work with other Christians for the kingdom of God?
- Paul spoke highly of his Christian friends and partners; what can you praise about your Christian friends?
- What personal church relationship can you improve during the next few days? How?
- NEXT STEPS: Last week we talked about our personal responsibility steps (mature individually, make connections, live your mission), this week we were challenged to live out our corporate steps (worship together, hold on, and serve the church).
 - o In what ways do you need to work on each one and how can each one encourage your own spiritual growth and the growth of others?

Memory Work:

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.
- Colossians 4:12

Next Week's Reading:

2 Chronicles 20