

Christ's Coworkers part 1
Colossians 4:7-11

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I. A very special courier. Colossians 4:7-8

Paul was concerned with these followers' circumstances, so he sent Tychicus. Encouragement and _____ for the body of Christ is also mentioned as part of Tychicus' ministry.

- Paul placed great confidence in Tychicus, sending him to accomplish important works for the furtherance of the _____.

II. A faithful brother. Colossians 4:9

Paul wrote Philemon a letter asking him to _____ Onesimus' transgressions, as an appeal of faith, love and grace in Christ. **Philemon 10**

- "Paul was not begging for money or asking for sympathy. He wanted the Colossian saints to know his situation so they could _____ for him." (Warren Wiersbe)

III. Friends, Romans, Countrymen. Colossians 4:10-11

Paul mentions some of his _____ co-workers; Aristarchus, John Mark, and Jesus who is also known as Justus.

1. Aristarchus.

Aristarchus represents those who have faithfully _____ within the ministry the Lord called them to, regardless of the circumstances.

2. John Mark.

John Mark represents those who have a _____ within the ministry.

- "John Mark did not sit around and sulk. He got back into the ministry and proved himself _____ to the Lord and to the apostle Paul." (Wiersbe)

3. Jesus, known as Justus.

Jesus, also known as Justus, represents those who have served without needing the _____ of man.

- A simple faith/trust in Christ was the only _____ needed to serve Christ alongside the Apostle Paul.

IV. Practical Application.

"There's no _____ work in God's kingdom. It's easy to think your ministry isn't as important as someone else's. But no matter what your ministry is, it matters." (Luke Holmes)

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Discuss the importance of team work within the local church. **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 Corinthians 12:17-20, Proverbs 27:17**
2. Read **Colossians 4:7-11**. Identify each of the people Paul mentioned in this passage and summarize who each one is. (Warren Wiersbe)
3. Which of these people do you admire most? Why? With which of these people do you most identify? Why? (Warren Wiersbe)
4. Tychicus was sent by Paul to encourage and comfort the body of Christ. Why are encouragement and comfort important aspects of the ministry? **1 Thessalonians 5:11, Galatians 6:2, Hebrews 10:24**
5. Read **Philemon 10-16**. Paul calls Onesimus his own heart and a beloved brother. How did Onesimus become so endearing to Paul? Discuss the importance of forgiveness among fellow believers. **Colossians 3:13, Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 18:15-35**
6. Read **Colossians 4:10-11**. Why was it a big deal that these three men were Jewish converts? Discuss what each of these men represent practically for us today.
7. Read **Acts 15:35-41** and discuss the falling out between Paul and John Mark. Read **2 Timothy 4:11**. How did you believe the reconciliation happened between John Mark and Paul?
8. Discuss the Practical Application to this sermon.