

Colossians 4:7-18

Kingdom Ministry is a Team Ministry

- News from afar (vv. 7-9)

- Greetings from abroad (vv. 10-14)

- Instructions for the locals (vv. 15-17)

- Signature of the Apostle (v. 18)

Application of 4:7-18

1. Do you see yourself being part of the “team” at Grace Bible Church or trying to work individually? In what ways are you committed or not committed to the team and the work of the kingdom of God?
2. In what ways can you build deeper relationships with other team members and work alongside them (see Paul’s description of his team members whom he calls “beloved, brother, faithful, fellow servant, fellow prisoner, fellow worker”)?
3. What does Paul’s description and trust/affirmation of Onesimus and Mark demonstrate for the modern church to apply to believers with a checkered past?
4. Are there people in the church you can think of to encourage, comfort, and support like Paul’s teammates did for him (vv. 10-11)? Thank God for that which you have received from others.
5. Ask God to help you follow Epaphras’ example in prayer with how, when, what, and who he prayed for. You could start by praying for those included in the bulletin each week or developing your own prayer list. Also, instead of rushing out and committing to pray for hours each day, gradually increase scheduled time in prayer (and ask God to help you be continually in prayer throughout the day)
6. In what way does Paul’s instructions for his letter to be read “among you” and then read in the church of the Laodiceans, teach 1) the authority of Paul’s writings as the Word of God and 2) the sufficiency and relevance of God’s Word written in a letter?
7. Are there others in the church you believe should be encouraged and challenged to serve in a particular role? In what way are you fulfilling the ministry you are called to serve in?
8. Do a word search in Biblegateway.com on “grace” in the NT and use this as a basis to pause, pray, and praise God for His saving and sustaining grace

Reading this week: Read through Col 4:7-18

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	K_____ Ministry is a T_____ M_____	_____
<u>Chapter</u>	- N_____ from _____ (vv. ____ - ____)	_____
	- G_____ from _____ (vv. ____ - ____)	_____
<u>Verses</u>	- I_____ for the _____ (vv. ____ - ____)	_____
	- S_____ of the _____ (v. _____)	_____

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church	Letter	Minister/Ministry	Paul	Team

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: