



Engage Bible Study Guide

Session 29 | Colossians 4:7-18 | April 19, 2021

OPEN

- Who was your best friend growing up? What made your relationship “click”?
- Who is your greatest cheerleader and encourager? How do they communicate their support?

DIG

- In general, what qualities does Paul seem to value most in the people he mentions in this passage? Why do you think those qualities were so important to Paul?
- Why is thankfulness such a key ingredient in a Christians life (see Colossians 2:7, 3:15, 17)?
- Knowing that Onesimus was a runaway slave, how do you think the Colossians responded to what Paul wrote in verse 9? Why? How do you imagine Onesimus felt as he heard Paul’s words read to the church?
- Read Acts 15:36-41. This is the same Mark that Paul refers to in Colossians 4:10. Knowing that history, what does it say about Paul that he sends along Mark’s greeting? What grudges or old conflicts do you need to let go of?
- In verse 12 Paul says that Epaphras prays diligently for the Colossian Christians. Do you pray regularly for your faith community? How could you and/or your small group grow in this important area of ministry?

APPLY

- How can your small group operate more like Paul’s circle of friends?
- How can your small group most effectively encourage you? Challenge you? Hold you accountable to the things you say you want to do?
- What commitment are you willing to make in order to be more like Paul and Paul’s companions?
- Take a moment and share a word of gratitude for each member of your group. What do you most value in them?