

24 April

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Book of Colossians – week 12

 Let's hear your story

1. What was Paul's prayer request in v.3? **(That God would open a door for the Word, to speak the mystery of Christ.)**
2. What does Paul write about Tychicus in v.7? **(He is a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord.)**
3. What does Paul write about Onesimus in v.9? **(He is a faithful and beloved brother.)**
4. What does Paul write about Aristarchus in v.10? **(My fellow prisoner.)**

 Let's go deeper

5. What does Paul write about Epaphras in v.12? **(He always labours fervently for you in prayers...)**
6. Who was Luke according to v.14? **(The beloved physician.)**
7. What was Paul's message to Archippus in v.17? **(Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfil it.)**
8. What must the believers remember about Paul according to v.18? **(Remember my chains.)**

 Let's apply this

- 9. Colossians 4:17;** And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfil it."
- Every believer has a purpose and calling from the Lord.
 - Take some time this week to ask the Holy Spirit to speak and reveal your calling and ministry to you?
 - Reflect on the names Paul mentioned in this portion of scripture.
 - Ask your life group leader or a godly friend to help you.

SUMMARY:

Colossians: Week 12 (Evangelism)

Read: Colossians 4:2 – 18

v.2; Prayer is not only one-way communication with God, but we should expect to hear from the Lord when we talk to Him. Thanksgiving keeps us from complaining.

v.3 – 6; Seven methods of evangelism mentioned in Scripture:

- 1) **House-to-house evangelism:** (See Acts 5:42)
- 2) **Personal one-on-one evangelism:** (See Acts 8:26–38; 13:7; John 3; 4 and Luke 23)
- 3) **Evangelism to large crowds:** (See Acts 2:14 – 36 and 14:8 – 18)
- 4) **Evangelism to entire cities:** (See Acts 8:5)
- 5) **Public debate and preaching:** (See Acts 3:11 – 26; 17:17 and 20:20 – 21)
- 6) **Tract evangelism:** (See John 20:31)
- 7) **Lifestyle evangelism:** (evangelism that is done in the daily activities of life).

v.7 – 9; People you can depend on: Tychicus

He travelled with Paul and remained and served Paul for many years. He's called a beloved brother, faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord by Paul. He together with Onesimus delivers Paul's letter to the Colossians church.

People who are transformed: Onesimus

He was a runaway slave mentioned in the book of Philemon. He became a faithful and beloved brother of Paul (see v.9). Paul had a good relationship with Tychicus and Onesimus and kept the believers informed of what was happening to him.

v.10 – 12; People who pick you up when you are down: Aristarchus

He was from Thessalonica (Acts 27) and was with Paul on his 3rd missionary journey (Acts 19:29; 20:4). He was a fellow prisoner with Paul for preaching the Gospel. Paul says he is a comfort to me and he is a fellow worker.

People who get things done: Epaphras

He is a servant; he prays and he works hard and he gets things done.

v.13 – 14; People who have unique skills: Luke

He's a doctor who travelled with Paul and wrote the Gospel of Luke and Acts.

People who quit on Christ: Demas

Paul writes in **2 Tim. 4:10**, "Demas in love with this present world has deserted me." He started well under Paul's teachings and leadership, but turned his back on God.

v.15; People who are hospitable: Nymphas

He opened his home, welcomed people in and the result was a church in his house.