



GCBC Sermon Application & Discussion Guide (for individuals, families, small groups, etc.)

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”
2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don’t let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share
[Above from book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member*]

For further Application, Meditation and Conversation on today’s text:

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Text and Title: Colossians 4:7-10 – Life Together in Christ: Vital Relationships

- Paul’s friends and pursuing relationships like this:
- one had steadiness and encouragement (Tychicus)
 - one had sin needing help to make it right (Onesimus)
 - one had stayed with him in person (Aristarchus)
 - one had second chances after a falling out (Mark)
1. Continuing application from Colossians 4:3-6 and the scripture reading and prayer from Psalm 96:1-10: what are some ideas you can pursue for sharing the gospel with relationships you have?
 2. How does the phrase “band of brothers” help you think of fellow believers in Paul’s life and yours? Who do you count as a “beloved brother” like v. 7? How have you acted like family to your church lately?
 3. Are you a “faithful minister and fellow servant” like Tychicus in v. 7? How can you grow in being a steady friend to others, and minister or serve together with your church more this year?
 4. The encouraging of hearts in v. 8 is commanded in Hebrews 10:25 as the church assembles together. What are ways you can obey that verse and consider how to stir others (Hebrews 13:1-2, 3:13, etc.)?
 5. Like Onesimus in v. 9, do you have relationships with people who will help you with your sin and help you make things right with others, where needed? If not, will you pray for and seek that help? Are there wrongs you need to make right with one another? Will you be a friend who’s a peacemaker?
 6. How is Aristarchus staying with Paul thru it all (Acts 19-28) an example to us about being with friends?
 7. How does the story of Mark encourage you where Christian friends may disagree or even separate?