

A Study Guide to Colossians 4:2-18 (Session 11)

First Baptist Peddie Church

1. Pray for wisdom and understanding that come from the Holy Spirit.

2. Read Colossians 4:2-18 aloud slowly several times.

3. Observe.

1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
3. Mark the names of people whom the Apostle Paul mentions in this text. What do you know about each one of them from the rest of the New Testament?
4. What qualities does the Apostle Paul note in each person?

4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube.

5. Interpret / Live out the Word.

1. Think about what you pray for in your daily prayers. What do your prayers reveal about your priorities?
2. What can we learn from the prayer requests of the Apostle Paul (4:3-4)? How can our prayers reflect God's heart for the world?
3. Note the qualities that the Apostle Paul affirms in the people. Which of these qualities would you like to develop in your life?
4. The people mentioned in 4:7-11 "have proved a comfort" to the Apostle Paul. How can you be a comfort to pastors, ministers, and spiritual leaders?
5. Reflect on the widespread missionary movements driven by ordinary disciples of Jesus during the Apostle Paul's time. How do you see yourself participating in such movements in your situation today?
6. How do you balance the internal needs of the church and God's calling for the church (called out into God's harvest field for the sake of the lost)?
7. Do you have a purpose that transcends yourself? If so, what are you doing to fulfill that purpose?

6. Memorize (use your preferred translation).

(Colossians 4:3a NIV)

Pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ,