



## Devoted

Discussion Guide

June 10, 2018

Colossians 4:2-18

### Questions for Study

\*\* Before you begin, please read Colossians 4:2-18 as a group.

1. In a world with so many things competing for our attention, why is it important to have clearly defined priorities?
2. If someone were to look at how you spent your time and what got your best attention over the last 7-10 days, what would they conclude your priorities are?
3. In Colossians 4:2, we see that followers of Jesus should be devoted to prayer. Does prayer come naturally to you? Explain.
4. Prayer comes up throughout Colossians. Read Colossians 1:3; Colossians 1:9-12; and Colossians 4:12. What else do you learn about prayer from these verses?
5. Paul clearly thinks prayer is important. Why is this the case?
6. What practical steps can you take to apply this command to be "devoted to prayer"? Brainstorm at least 5-6 ideas as a group.
7. In Colossians 4:3-6, we discover we should be devoted to mission and evangelism. In your own words, share what this means. (Hint: Read Matthew 28:19-20 for a clear statement of the mission Jesus gives His followers.)
8. In Colossians 4:3-6 we see not only THAT we should be devoted to mission, but HOW this looks. (Interested in a little more on this? Read 1 Peter 3:15.) What stands out to you about how we tell others about Jesus? What might this look like in existing relationships you already have?
9. Colossians 4:7-18 includes lots of names. How does this list of names show us that Paul was devoted to relationships?
10. In a culture that can be characterized by isolation and superficial relationships, how can you prioritize deep, genuine friendship? How can your Community Group be an example of this?
11. The name Demas pops up in Colossians 4:14 and 2 Timothy 4:10. Read both of these verses. (Keep in mind that 2 Timothy was written a few years *after Colossians*.) *Based on what you read, why is it important to stay devoted to Jesus over the long haul?*
12. Think about what else Colossians 4 has already shown we should be devoted to: prayer, mission, and relationships. How can staying devoted to these things help us stay devoted over the long haul?
13. This was the final sermon in Brookside's "Deeply Rooted: A Study in Colossians" series. Reflect back on what you've learned from this book of the Bible. What are 2-3 big take-aways? How is your life different because of what you've learned in Colossians?
14. **Challenge: Memorize Colossians 4:5-6:** <sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.<sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.