



STUDY GUIDE

How The Gospel Creates Partnerships

Colossians 4:7-18

Week of June 18, 2017

engage it

1. Who is the most encouraging person you know? How has he or she encouraged you lately?
2. We often think about people only needing encouragement when they are down, but how can we benefit from encouragement when things are going well?

unpack it

3. Read Colossians 4:7-18. What attitude does Paul have for the Colossians in his final remarks of this letter? After reading this passage, what stands out to you the most and why?

- 4. Read Hebrews 10:23-25. If we took these “let us” commands seriously, what would change in our lives? What does it look like practically to “promote love and good works” and why do we need encouragement from others to do this?**

- 5. Why did the writer of Hebrews remind his readers that “the Day” is “drawing near”? What is taking place in our world today that causes us to take this seriously and how is needing people an encouragement and shelter from the world?**

- 6. Read 2 Corinthians 11:22-27. What made Paul the appropriate teacher on suffering and what can we learn from him about the attitude God wants us to have as we face pain on our journey of life?**

- 7. Read Romans 8: 18-25. According to Paul, how are we to live while we wait for our future glory? How do you know the future glorification you read about in Scripture will actually happen, and what does Paul teach about Christian hope?**

- 8. Read Titus 2:11-15. What did Paul say the grace of God instructs us to do? Do you think he meant this in the sense of giving us commands, or training us how to do it? What’s the difference?**

9. How has God's grace empowered you to live in self-discipline and purpose, instead of focusing on your own interests and appetites?

10. How does living in anticipation of Christ's return affect the way you live today?

11. What does it take for someone to be "eager to do good works"? What good works has the Lord brought to your attention? What will you do about them?

live it

12. How have you seen the gospel at work in and through your small group as it relates to the journey in the Christian life? What tangible ways will you live out the compassion of God and the mission of Jesus this week?

13. How has this study helped you in understanding the needs we all have in order to succeed in the Christian life?

