

Above All
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Small Group Questions
From: Colossians & Philemon,
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*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

The COMMUNITY:

1. Paul took time to honor and acknowledge the people who worked with him. What three people have been most encouraging and helpful in your own spiritual walk?

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

1. Read Colossians 4:7-18 and answer the following questions.
 - a. Looking only at verses 7 and 8, list everything you can about Tychicus. What were his spiritual credentials?

 - b. What was Epaphras's special prayer for the believers?

- c. Why is it wiser to do ministry alongside others (rather than by yourself)?

- d. Paul mentioned how Aristarchus, Mark, and Justus "proved to be a comfort" to him. "Comfort" is the Greek word *paregoria* and conveys the idea of supportive encouragement. Why is this such a crucial quality for those in ministry?

- e. How does Dr. Luke's service (Col. 4:14) show that not everyone in the Lord's service has to have a seminary degree?

- f. It was Paul's desire for us to realize that "in all things [Christ] may have preeminence" (1:18). What steps can you take to put Christ first in your life?

- g. What are the most vivid lessons you've taken away from this study of Colossians? How, by God's grace, do you intend to be different?