

# People Are the Ministry!

Colossians 4:7-18

## **Tychicus and Onesimus**

Colossians 4:7–10 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup> Tychicus will give you a full report about how I am getting along. He is a beloved brother and faithful helper who serves with me in the Lord's work. <sup>8</sup> I have sent him to you for this very purpose—to let you know how we are doing and to encourage you. <sup>9</sup> I am also sending Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, one of your own people. He and Tychicus will tell you everything that's happening here. <sup>10</sup> Aristarchus, who is in prison with me, sends you his greetings, and so does Mark, Barnabas's cousin. As you were instructed before, make Mark welcome if he comes your way.

Who was Tychicus? How did Paul describe him?

For what purpose did Paul send Tychicus to the Colossian church?

Who was Onesimus? How was he like Tychicus? How was he different?

## **Aristarchus, Mark, Jesus/Justus**

Colossians 4:10–11 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> Aristarchus, who is in prison with me, sends you his greetings, and so does Mark, Barnabas's cousin. As you were instructed before, make Mark welcome if he comes your way. <sup>11</sup> Jesus (the one we call Justus) also sends his greetings. These are the only Jewish believers among my co-workers; they are working with me here for the Kingdom of God. And what a comfort they have been!

How does Paul describe Aristarchus' situation?

Who is Mark? What instruction does Paul give to the church concerning Mark?

What does Paul tell the church of Justus?

What does Aristarchus, Mark, and Justus have in common? How important are those three guys to Paul?

## **Epaphras**

Colossians 4:12–13 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup> Epaphras, a member of your own fellowship and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. He always prays earnestly for you, asking God to make you strong and perfect, fully confident that you are following the whole will of God. <sup>13</sup> I can assure you that he prays hard for you and also for the believers in Laodicea and Hierapolis.

What does Paul say about Epaphras?

What does Epaphras want for the Colossian church?

## **Luke and Demas**

Colossians 4:14 (NLT)

<sup>14</sup> Luke, the beloved doctor, sends his greetings, and so does Demas.

How does Paul describe Luke and Demas?

## **Paul's Final Greeting (4:15-18)**

Colossians 4:15–18 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> Please give my greetings to our brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church that meets in her house. <sup>16</sup> After you have read this letter, pass it on to the church at Laodicea so they can read it, too. And you should read the letter I wrote to them. <sup>17</sup> And say to Archippus, "Be sure to carry out the ministry the Lord gave you." <sup>18</sup> HERE IS MY GREETING IN MY OWN HANDWRITING—PAUL. Remember my chains. May God's grace be with you.

Who does Paul wish the Colossian church to extend a greeting on his behalf?

What final instructions does Paul give to the church?