

**Lesson Aim:** To encourage every one of us to jump into Christian ministry!



## *connecting*

Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to offer study questions each week in this **simplified format**, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the summer break.

**Prayer:** Start your time together by asking the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion or devotional time.



## *growing*

1. **READ Colossians 4:7-18.** Take a minute to review the thematic descriptions of all the people mentioned in Paul's final greetings to the Colossian believers. Which person (or people) on this list do you most identify with and why?

2. The whole point of Pastor Scott's message was that God can use all kinds of different people to do His kingdom work and that God can use anybody. Do you ever struggle with feeling like God can't use you in ministry? Why or why not?

3. Verses 10-14 describe six of Paul's ministry companions. Do you have a group of people like this that you regularly do ministry with? If not, how can you start to move towards that?

4. What is one selfless act of service that you can do this week?



## *sewing*

5. What is one selfless act of service that you can do with members of your LifeGroup this week? (Consider how your LifeGroup members are gifted, skilled, and called.)

6. Reread Paul's final, handwritten greeting in verse 18. Try to imagine the Colossian believers as they crowded around the letter's reader to see for themselves the loving signature of the great apostle. What do you think this letter and final salute meant to them?



## *reaching*

Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.

### INTRODUCTION – The Anybodies of Colossian’s Final Greetings

#### ❶ TYCHICUS – The Trusty Postman (vv.7-8)

- Acts 20:4; Ephesians 6:21-22; 2 Timothy 4:12; Titus 3:12

PRINCIPLE #1: There is greatness in the smallest things done for Christ.

#### ❷ ONESIMUS – The Turn-Around Story (v.9)

- Philemon 8, 10

PRINCIPLE #2: There are no impossible cases with God. You too can be a turn-around story!

#### ❸ ARISTARCHUS – The Faithful Companion (v.10)

- Acts 19:29; 20:4; 27:2; Philemon 24

#### ❹ MARK – The Come-Back Kid (v.10)

- Mark 14:51; Acts 12:12, 25; 13:13; 15:37-39; 2 Timothy 4:11; Philemon 24

#### ❺ JESUS JUSTUS – The Greeter (v.11) [Jew]

#### ❻ EPAPHRAS – The Prayer Warrior (vv.12-13)

- Colossians 1:7; Philemon 23

#### ❼ LUKE (v.14) – The Physician-Writer

#### ❽ DEMAS (v.14) – The Compromiser

- Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:9-10

PRINCIPLE #3: Walking with Christ is a marathon, not a 100 yard dash.

#### ❾ NYMPHA (vv.15-16) – The Hospitable Sister

#### ❿ ARCHIPPUS – The Man With Unfinished Business (v.17)

- Philemon 2

PRINCIPLE #4: If God has called you to do something, do it!