

# CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

## In Ongoing Ministry

Colossians 4:7-18  
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### Group Activity:

What were some (2-3) qualities and characteristics of the most effective and successful teams that you were ever a part of?

### Opening Thought Question:

What does faithful Christian fellowship and ministry look like in practice?

(7-9) Conscientious Partnership

### (10-14) Consistent Sacrifice

In all of his letters, Paul names over 80 significant ministry partners.

Paul's ministry companions in verses 7-14...

- 1) Tychicus
- 2) Onesimus
- 3) A
- 4) J
- 5) J
- 6) E
- 7) L
- 8) D

### (15-18) Constant Encouragement

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Christ be magnified as we practice faithful Christian ministry in...

- 1) Growing commitment and t\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ encouragement and support.
- 3) Sharing n\_\_\_\_\_ and opportunities in ministry.
- 4) Strength and u\_\_\_\_\_ in d\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Suffering and p\_\_\_\_\_ together.

### Further Study

Ephesians  
Acts 21-28  
Col. 3:12-4:1  
Col. 4:2-6

Acts  
Rom. 16

2 Tim. 4:10

Eph. 2:14-16

Ps. 34:19  
Jn. 16:33  
2 Cor. 1:3-11

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>In Ongoing Ministry</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Col. 4:7-18</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.</p> <p><b><u>Read the Text</u></b> – Colossians 4:7-18</p> <p><b><u>Questions for Reflection and Discussion:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does Paul use the end of his letter to bring attention to and honor all of those who have faithfully served alongside him in ministry? (vss. 7-18).</li> <li>2. Considering the ways our culture defines and describes a "team" how is the church similar to these descriptions? In what ways is the Church very different and set apart from any other "teams" in our world?</li> <li>3. Why is cooperation so important in Christian life and ministry?</li> <li>4. Did Jesus himself model cooperation while ministering on earth? If so, in what ways can we recognize Jesus' spirit of cooperation in and through his ministry?</li> <li>5. How does faithful Christian fellowship and ministry encourage endurance or motivate perseverance as we walk through difficult times and seasons together?</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation &amp; Application:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God?</li> <li>2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another?</li> <li>3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life?</li> <li>4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?</li> <li>5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community?</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Further Study</u></b></p> <p>Ephesians Acts 21-28 Col. 3:12-4:1 Col. 4:2-6 Acts Rom. 16 2 Tim. 4:10 Eph. 2:14-16 Ps. 34:19 Jn. 16:33 2 Cor. 1:3-11</p> <p><b><u>Prayer Requests</u></b></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career &amp; Friends</p> <p>Other</p>