

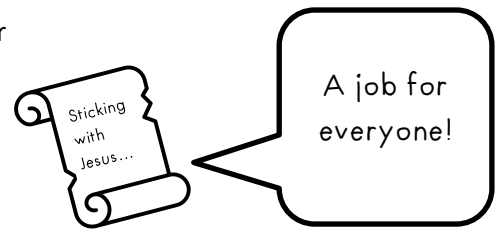
BIG IDEA: Colossians 4:7-11

Gospel ministry is a team game. How will you get involved?

Start with Jesus
Stick with Jesus
COLOSSIANS

This last section may not seem that important. It's just a list of hellos and names and news about friends. Nice. But important for us?

Well, yes! It shows us that even Paul wasn't a one-man-band. His gospel ministry was a team effort. Gospel ministry is just a term for all the things that happen in order to proclaim Jesus – so, things like preaching and prayer and youth groups and lunch clubs and...well...loads of things! Let's find out about some of the team:



The team Paul talks about

1. What do you find out about these people?

a. Tychicus? (v7-8) _____

b. Aristarchus, Mark and Justus? (v10-11) _____

c. Epaphras? (v12-13) _____
(What else do we know about him? Have a look in chapter 1v7.)

d. Luke? (v14) _____

e. Nympha? (v15) _____

2. **Ephaphras** Re-read v12-13. What does this tell us about the role of prayer in gospel ministry?

3. **Nympha** What does this tell us about the role of hospitality in gospel ministry?

Interesting to know...

Onesimus was a slave who had run away and become a Christian. Having met Paul, Paul sends him back to his master with a letter saying his master should welcome him back as a brother. Read it: Philemon (a few books on from Colossians – it's VERY short!)

Mark and Paul had fallen out previously because Mark had shown himself to be unreliable. (Acts 15:36-40) It turns out that Mark has been taken back!

Demas started well (as we see here) but in the end turned away from Jesus because 'he loved this world' (2 Tim 4:10). He's a reminder that Jesus wants our hearts not our actions. He wants us to love him, not just to do lots.

4. Who is gospel ministry for?



Look back at the top two paragraphs on this sheet. If you're a Christian, someone who's put their trust in Jesus' death and resurrection for eternal life, why is being involved with gospel ministry important? How could you get involved at Highfields? (Think about who you could pray for, what hospitality means when you're under your parents' roof. Think about practical things you could do. Think about *who* you could serve.)

sermon notes

Passage:

Date:

Preacher:

The main headings:

Doodles



New ideas or things
I learn.

Questions I want to be
answered as I listen.

✝ How does the gospel make
a difference to what we
'do' at church?

What questions do you have?

What's the main application?

Why do we not need rules?

After the service

What do you want to share with your family from what you've heard?

Colossians 4:7-18

a r c h i p p u s a g c n z t
 o r e m p q a g t t n a k h c
 m d i y j e n u m y i e u y h
 a g e s a i k r l c l c e h a
 r m d a t r l u f h t i a f i
 k h i e r a p o l i s d a l n
 i e e n v w r r x c e o h s s
 n r p c i y e c i u r a p u r
 g u a o u s h l h s w l m t e
 d t p u m e t f c u o i y s k
 o a h r b r o e t o s n n u r
 m m r a a v r l r e m a e j o
 y h a g h a b l n d x e m r w
 s u s e j n r o t c o d k e y
 n h e a r t s w v w b g e i d

Tychicus

Mark

prayer

faithful

welcome

mature

minister

Justus

Laodicea

encourage

greetings

Hierapolis

hearts

workers

Luke

Onesimus

kingdom

doctor

dear

God

Demas

brother

Epaphras

Nympha

fellow

servant

Archippus

prisoner

Jesus

Paul

Aristarchus

wrestling

chains