

Colossians Chapter 4 Small Group Questions

1. Since there are no masters and slaves in our modern society, explain the deeper meaning of verse 1 that applies universally to all mankind (see James 2:1-13 and Romans 2:1-16 [especially verse 11]).
2. Discuss the 3 elements of prayer that Paul was emphasizing in verse 2:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
3. What is significant about the emphasis of Paul's prayer request in verses 3-4 (remember, he was in prison - what's missing)?
4. In light of the Great Commission, explain the importance of obeying verses 5-6:
5. In various books of the Bible there are lists of people. While known to the original readers of the books, for modern readers there often is little or no significance to these people. From some, however, we can learn some useful lessons. What can we learn from the following?
 1. Tychicus (verse 7) - see Ephesians 6:21; Titus 3:12.
 2. Onesimus (verse 9) - see Philemon. How does this illustrate Colossians 3:22 - Colossians 4:1?
 3. Mark (verse 10) - see 2 Tim 4:11 compared to Acts 15:35-40
 4. Demas (verse 14) - 2 Tim 4:10

Verse 15 speaks of "Nymphas and the church that is in his house" in KJV and NKJV, while most other translations read ""Nympha and the church that is in her house". Why is there a difference, how significant is it, and what does it say about the reliability of the Bible and our overall view of the Bible?