

Focusing on Jesus in a Blurry World:

Focusing on Serving Jesus

Sermon #15, Colossians 4:7-18

Main Point: Because Jesus is supreme, I am to serve Him wholeheartedly.

Getting to Know You

1. On a scale of 1 (frozen ice) to 10 (boiling water), how would you rate your desire for serving the Lord? Why?

Getting into the Book

Read Colossians 4:7-18

2. What adjectives are used to describe Paul's fellow workers? What do these words tell us about the focus of Christian service?
3. Have you ever felt like you've disqualified yourself from being used by the Lord in ministry? Read the background to the stories of Mark and Onesimus. How do their stories encourage you?
 - a. Mark: Acts 12:25; 13:13; 15:36-41; 2 Timothy 4:11
 - b. Onesimus: Philemon 1:10-16
4. Refer to Colossians 1:7; 4:12-13. How are you challenged by the example of Epaphras?
5. For whom have you "wrestled in prayer"? If no one, for whom could you do this?
6. Would you say you have a spiritual concern for those in our church? Why?
7. In ministry work, why is it essential to work together as a team?

Getting out There

8. How should the example of Demas affect us? Read 2 Timothy 4:10.
 - a. List any specific ways you are in danger of wandering off course by "loving this present world."
9. Read 4:17 and replace the name of Archippus with your name. What ministry has the Lord given you? Have you been diligent or slack in fulfilling it?
10. Missionary C.T. Studd wrote a poem which includes the refrain "*Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.*" What change(s) does this truth motivate you to make in your life?

Pray

Ask God to give you eternal values and His courage in order to serve Him with whatever time is left for your life.

Bonus Exercise

Work on memorizing Colossians 3:17 together.

"Whatever you do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."