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The Power of Christ in Christian Ministry and Fellowship

Colossians 4:7-18

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1. Christ empowers God glorifying communication and encouragement. (Colossians 4:7-9)
2. Christ empowers God glorifying working together for the kingdom of God. (Colossians 4:10-14)

3. Christ empowers God glorifying partnerships in the Gospel. (Colossians 4:15-18)

Table Talk

- 1) Why is it easy to overlook the end of Paul's letters where he mentions people? Why is it important that we not overlook that?
- 2) What did Tychicus and Onesimus do for Paul and the Colossians? What counterparts to them do you see today? (vv. 7-9) How are Aristarchus, Mark, and Jesus (called Justus) alike? How are they different? (vv. 10-11) How can you be like Epaphras? (vv. 12-13, see also Col. 1:5-8)
- 3) What is encouraging and discouraging about verse 14? What does verse 15 have to say about the role of women in the early church?
- 4) What would happen if the actual letter to the Laodiceans was found? How would you regard it? As scripture? As nothing? As something in between? (v. 16)
- 5) What would be your reaction if you were personally addressed in one of Paul's letters like Archippus was? (v. 17) How does Paul reveal his weakness? (v. 18)
- 6) What does "Grace be with you" mean? Why should we look for the depth of this expression? (v. 18)