

Text: Colossians 4:10-11, 14
Topic: Encouragement
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People Tools ^{part 2}

Devoted to Encouragement



1. Encourage _____

2. Encourage _____

3. Encourage _____

Col. 4:10-11, 14

¹⁰ My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.)

¹¹ Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. ...¹⁴ Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Describe a situation in which a fellow Christian greatly encouraged you.

How did God use that person's encouragement? How might that situation have turned out differently if God had not used that person in such a powerful way at that point in your life?

2. Who in our church is clearly encountering difficult times? Do your best to empathetically describe what it might be like to go through the difficulties that person is going through.

How can you personally share in their trial, so as to relieve some of their burden?

3. List the name of another person whose struggle is not quite as obvious, but you sense could use some encouragement. How might their inconspicuous pain become acute if not addressed?

In what way are you uniquely qualified to offer some tangible expression of encouragement to that person?

4. Who do you think would benefit from hearing you express your loyal support for them? When will you do so?

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Lev. 7-8 & Prov. 4

Monday

Lev. 9-10 & Prov. 5

Tuesday

Lev. 11-12 & Prov. 6

Wednesday

Lev. 13-14 & Prov. 7

Thursday

Lev. 15-16 & Prov. 8

Friday

Lev. 17-18 & Prov. 9

Saturday

Lev. 19-20 & Prov. 10

Here are some resources to prepare you to be an encouragement to those who need it.

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