

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Kingdom Apprentices”**  
**Complement to lesson on 2/19/2023 – “Seeing as an Apprentice”**

**ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. In school, who were two of your best friends?
2. What was one quality about them that stands out to you?

**MEMORIZE – Philippians 4:9**

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**READ Colossians 4:2-18**

**Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What sticks out to you in this passage? What did you like? What didn't you like?
2. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
4. Read Colossians 4:7-9. What type of apprentice is Tychicus (see also, Acts 20:4; Ephesians 6:21)? How do you think Paul's devotion to Christ influenced him? Likewise, what can we know about Onesimus (Philemon 10-16)?
  - a. Which of Paul's instructions would be appropriate in preparing to receive this runaway slave from Colossae who was an apprentice of Paul as a follower of Jesus?
5. Read Colossians 4:10-13. Aristarchus (Acts 19:29; 27:2), John Mark (Acts 12:12; 13:5,13; 15:36-40), Luke (the author of Luke and Acts) and Demas (Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:10) were all apprentices with Paul at various times. Why would Paul include them in his greetings to the church?
  - a. In light of the influence of false teachings, why would Paul's commendation of apprentice Epaphras be especially important (see Colossians 1:7; 4:12-13)

## **Experiential activity – Apprentice Activity**

Make a list of three things you will definitely be doing a lot over the next 24 hours. Examples could be taking a drink of water, looking at your watch, sitting at a red light, hugging your spouse or children. Then make a commitment that each of these acts will be a prompt for you to take a 20 second break from life as usual for a couple of deep, slow breaths.

During these 20 second breaks, say slowly to yourself and to God

[Inhale] –“Jesus I invite you to the center of my being.”

[Exhale] - “Live your life through me.”

Be watchful and thankful for what you are “seeing” God doing around you.

**SING** (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Open the Eyes of My heart - <https://youtu.be/Vnqb7Vn4AEE>

What a Beautiful Name - <https://youtu.be/N0oyFzarzro>

Spirit of God! Descend upon my heart; Mennonite Hymnal #217

I have Decided to Follow Jesus - [https://youtu.be/SC7\\_Vt-d3Ws](https://youtu.be/SC7_Vt-d3Ws)

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

## **Sending prayer based on the lesson:**

As we go this week, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, and freely share those things with the people where you live, work, study and play.