



Together We Are Better!

August 20, 2023 – Col. 4:7-18

Pastor Jon Pickens

Paul's Ministry Team

1. Tychicus
2. Onesimus
3. Aristarchus
4. Mark
5. Jesus/Justus
6. Epaphras
7. Luke
8. Demas

Take-Aways from Paul's Ministry Team

1. Serving with one another means taking the posture of **giving** rather than **receiving**.
2. Serving **faithfully** with others is incredibly important to Kingdom work.
3. Serving with **grace** toward one another is necessary because people change.
4. The work of the Kingdom does not care if you are **rich** or poor, **popular** or unpopular, so neither should we.
5. Kingdom work can be **difficult** and there is no guarantee that people won't let you **down**.
6. Together we are **messy** but **better**!

Discussion Questions:

1. When you consider your relationships with close believing friends, do you focus on what you get out of the relationship or what you can give to the relationship to encourage them toward Christ?
2. What thoughts or fears enter your mind when pursuing a relationship with other believers who are in a different social/economic class than you? How can you bring truth to bear on those thoughts and fears?
3. What does it look like to show grace to the people you serve with?
4. What does faithfulness look like in your ministry in the Church?
5. What is your usual response to serving when you encounter difficult situations? How do you think you would respond if you were in the shoes of some of these individuals on Paul's ministry team?
6. Where would you place yourself on a continuum of a lone ranger servant of Jesus or a team player? Why? Where would you like to see yourself?
7. What action are you going to take as a result of what God's Word teaches?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

August 2023 (Two Year Reading Plan, Month 20)				
Week 1 Starting July 31	Week 2 Starting August 7	Week 3 Starting August 14	Week 4 Starting August 21	Week 5 Starting August 28
Day 1: Mark 1-2	Day 1: Mark 9-10	Day 1: Luke 1	Day 1: Luke 7	Day 1: Luke 13
Day 2: Mark 3-4	Day 2: Mark 11	Day 2: Luke 2	Day 2: Luke 8	Day 2: Luke 14-15
Day 3: Mark 5	Day 3: Mark 12-13	Day 3: Luke 3	Day 3: Luke 9	Day 3: Luke 16-17
Day 4: Mark 6-7	Day 4: Mark 14	Day 4: Luke 4-5	Day 4: Luke 10-11	Day 4: Luke 18
Day 5: Mark 8	Day 5: Mark 15-16	Day 5: Luke 6	Day 5: Luke 12	Day 5: Luke 19-20
¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <div style="text-align: right;">Colossians 1:15-16 (NIV)</div>				

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