

GLEANINGS FROM THE QUIET HEROES OF THE FAITH

SCRIPTURE READING:

COLOSSIANS 4: 7 - 18

Philemon 1: 1 - 25; Acts 20:4; Ephesians 6: 21,22; 2 Timothy 4:10,

12; Titus 3:12; 1 John 1: 3

Dear CLIC family

The questions are based on the sermon preached on November 9th 2025.

Please take time to reflect on the Scriptures above as part of your preparation for your small group discussions.

The audio recording of the sermon is available along with the slides at the following link:

https://www.clichurch.com/podcasts/english-sermons/2025-11-09-gleanings-from-the-quiet-heroes-of-the-gospel

Discussion Points

- 1. The sermon outlined several gleanings from the reading of the quiet heroes of the faith in Colossians 4: 7 -18. What did you glean from your reading about the various people that Paul mentioned? Why did they leave such an impression on you? Discuss the practical outworkings of this for your own life.
- 2. What are the characteristics that characterised the church at Colossae that is reflected in the final verses of Colossians chapter 4?
- 3. What does an enthusiastic greeting by the Jewish leaders as well as the gentile leaders in Paul's team imply about the congregation at

Colossae? (Col. 4:10, 11, 14; Acts 19:29; Acts 20: 4; 2 Timothy 4:11) Are there any lessons that we can learn and apply here at CLIC?

- 4. Look specifically at the description of Epaphras (Colossians 4: 12, 13; Colossians 1;7,8) What does it imply about the community of faith at Colossae? Are there practical applications for us here at CLIC from Epaphras lifestyle?
- 5. Discuss the following statement "Lovers make the Best Forgivers" in the context of the story of Onesimus, Philemon and Paul. What does this story teach you about how we should behave towards our spiritual brothers and sisters in our local church community?