

A BAND OF FRIENDS

Welcome to our conclusion of the Book of Colossians. The Apostle Paul reveals the importance of connection: connection to Christ and connection to a community of his followers.

Colossians 4:7-18

Who do you know from Paul's list of friends?

* Tychicus = the confidant, trusted, close, confidential

He called him, dear brother

* Onesimus = the rookie, a new believer

"a runaway slave" . . . forgiven

* Brothers = the group, coworkers and comrades

Aristarchus was a volunteer prisoner

"commitment"

Mark has been welcomed back

"reconciliation"

* Epaphras = the hero, inspirational

"The Colossians learned of God's grace through him." (1:7-8)

* Luke = so big; Demas = so small

"He rubbed off on Paul"

"He went away" (II Timothy 4:10)

"Choose well"

"Dear George, Remember no man is a failure who has friends!" (Clarence)

Reflective Questions:

- 1) In high school, who were two of your best friends? What was one quality about them that stands out to you?
- 2) How important is it to have a team of friends? What does Paul's team teach us?
- 3) How have you grown through our study of Colossians?

