

Discussion Guide Col 4:10-14

Opening Prayer

Thank the Lord for His grace in saving us as a people for Himself and for placing us in the body of Christ. Ask the Lord to strengthen our bonds of fellowship.

Recap

In Colossians 4:10-14, Paul's coworkers send their greetings to the church. In these greetings, we see the enduring attributes of the church. Although strained, the church of Christ is ultimately victorious in the bonds of fellowship. We find in this passage that although it is a different millennium, the church is the same. It triumphs in humility, reconciliation, faithful ministry, and always in Christ alone.

Understanding the Text

1. How do we see fellowship strengthened by humility in this passage? Who are "the behind the scenes" believers with Paul?
2. How is Christ the ultimate Reconciler of the church?
3. What two types of reconciliation are recorded in this passage and why are they essential to Christian fellowship?
4. What example of faithful ministry do we see in this passage and why is it essential to Christian fellowship?
5. How does this passage inform us that Christian fellowship is only possible when we are trusting in Christ alone?

Practical Application

1. Are there areas where your pride is getting in the way of true unity of fellowship with God's people?
2. Will you commit to strive in prayer for your church family this week?
3. Are you supporting the fellowship of the saints by ministering (serving) them?
4. Are you available to others who may be doubting or struggling with sin?
5. How can you better demonstrate a heart that is trusting in Christ alone?

God Has More to Say

Humility

Colossians 3:16
Philippians 2:3–4
Romans 12:10
Ephesians 5:21

Reconciliation/Unity

Colossians 3:13
Matthew 18:15
Galatians 6:1
Ephesians 4:32

Faithful Ministry

Colossians 1:28–29
Ephesians 4:11–13
1 Corinthians 3:5–7
2 Corinthians 4:5

Christ Alone

Colossians 1:27
Galatians 6:10
Galatians 6:14
1 Peter 1:8–9