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Seeks to Be: The Next Chapter

Announcements and Reminders

Women's Bible Study, Monday nights or Thursday mornings, 9/24-11/1 - The fall Bible study for women will begin 9/24. We will be offering a class on Monday nights and on Thursday mornings, so you can choose the time that works best for you. Both classes will be studying the book of 1 John. Childcare is provided. The cost of class materials is \$10 and you can sign up on The City.

Financial Peace University, Monday nights, 9/10-11/5 - Exodus Belmont is hosting a Financial Peace University class. This is a great resource for learning how to consider and manage your financial assets. You can find links to the sign-ups on the City, the church blog, and our social media. This class is open to people who attend Exodus and the general public, so reserve your spot soon. Childcare is provided.

Read Colossians 1:3-14

- What do you see about Paul's heart for the church at Colossae?
- What do you see about Epaphras?
- What do you see about the Gospel?

Faithful Leaders

Epaphras is mentioned in Colossians 1:7-8, but also in 4:12-13. Read and discuss some of his characteristics.

- Humble
- Prayerful
- Invested

Read Colossians 4:15-17. Remember that these are real people. What stands out to you?

Take a moment and think about leaders in our church who embody these characteristics. Think about people who are not noticed or highly visible. How can our group encourage or thank them?

Fruitful Lives

Paul is praying for the people. What stands out to you about his prayer in vv. 9-14.

Sometimes when we talk about a walk fully pleasing to God, we can begin to get loaded up with guilt and shame. Then we start trying harder to earn God's love. How does the book of Colossians speak to this?

There are three components of a fruitful life here. Discuss each from the passage.

- Growing - v. 10
- Enduring - v. 11
- Thankful - v. 12

Application

Calling servant leaders.

- Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. What unique gifts has God given to you? How is he calling you to use them at Exodus?
- Read Colossians 4:17. How does Paul address him? How might we address one another so that we might encourage each other?

Jesus is building His Church.

- Read Matthew 16:13-18. How does this encourage us as we move into the next chapter of Exodus?
- Read Colossians 1:15-20. What specific things about Jesus should encourage us as we move into the next chapter of Exodus?

Close in Prayer.