



REDEEMING HOPE

Group Study Guide

Colossians: The King Revealed

[Week of August 11, 2019]

Connecting + Orientation

- Connect (What is something that you've struggled with this week? What is something to celebrate this week?)
- Four Disclaimers:
 - If you don't identify as a follower of Jesus, you're welcome here.
 - If you don't believe the Bible is true, you're welcome here.
 - If you have been hurt by the church, you're welcome here.
 - If you have questions, you're welcome here.
- **Main Point: The new life of Jesus is filled with care for others and reconciliation of broken relationships.**

Key Scripture

- "Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here. Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions-if he comes to you, welcome him), and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you" ([Colossians 4:7-18 ESV](#))

Message Study

- What word, verse, or phrase stuck out to you from the message and/or this passage?
- What are some repeated words and phrases that describe Paul's companions?
- What is the significance of Onesimus coming to Colossae? ([HINT: Read Philemon 1:10-18](#)) What are the two things Paul says are true about this runaway servant? What is the significance of this?
- Epaphras was the pastor and church planter of Colossae. What does Paul say about him? What is he doing?

Discussion Questions

- What do you think it means that God included all of these personal salutations and situations in the Bible?
- What does Onesimus' reconciliation with Philemon say about reconciling with those who hurt us?
- What does Paul's statements about Epaphras mean for pastors and leaders today?
- Thinking through the consistent words Paul describes his most trusted companions, how can you model the characteristics of these faithful partners in ministry.

Response

- How is God calling you to respond to this passage this week?
- In what areas of your life do you need to allow the truth to practically change how you live your life this week?
- Who are you called to reach out to this week?