

# Family Worship Guide

Sunday, September 18, 2016

## **Ephesians 6:21-24**

### **“Being a Faithful Servant in Christ”**

<sup>21</sup> But that you also may know about my circumstances, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you. <sup>22</sup> I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know about us, and that he may comfort your hearts.

<sup>23</sup> Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible *love*.

### **QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION**

#### **Getting Started**

- What are some other words that come to mind when you think of the word “faithful?” Do you believe these words represent desirable characteristics? Why or why not?

#### **Going Deeper**

- Have you ever had a friend, family member, or a close, fellow believer spend a considerable period of time away from you with no communication? How did you feel during their absence? Did you worry about how they were doing?
- For what reasons might the Apostle Paul believe it was important for the churches in Ephesus to know about his circumstances? How might this information comfort the hearts of the believers in Ephesus?
- For what reason or reasons do you suppose Paul employed “Tychicus” to carry his message back to the believers in Ephesus?
- Why is it important to receive information from a reliable source?

#### **Bringing it Home**

- What common gifts or blessings do members of the body of Christ share (v. 23)?
- What qualifying remark does Paul include in his closing blessing in verse 24? How do you suppose the churches in Ephesus would perceive this statement?
- What are some benefits or advantages associated with being a faithful servant? How would you assess your own personal level of faithfulness? In what ways can you improve your faithfulness to Christ?<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Questions developed from an exegetical study of Ephesians 6:21-24 conducted by Dr. Mike McCormick.