

ROOTED: People (Part II)
Colossians 4:7-18

In the May 20th sermon we saw the first group of people who impacted Paul. There was Tychicus, who was in a season of preparation; Onesimus and Mark, who were stumbled but had great legacies; Aristarchus and Justus, who were ordinary and faithful people.

Can you relate to one of those categories of people?

If you had to categorize your season of life, how would you categorize and/or define it (you do not need to use one of categories from the sermons)?

This week, Paul was grateful for Epahras, who was entrusted with people and fervently prayed for their spiritual maturity?

Has God entrusted you with people to mentor and/or spiritually care for?

What does that relationship look like?

If you have been entrusted to spiritually care for people, is there something you can do to improve the way in which you are caring for them and helping them mature?

Paul appreciated Luke and Nympha, who were people who obediently gave to God's work. The application from their lives was to use our skills, gifts, money, and resources for God's kingdom?

Some people who don't attend church think that all churches care about is money. Do you think their perception is valid?

Why do you think it is easy and a joy for some people to use their skills, gifts, money and resources to support God's work? Why do you think it is hard for some people to use their skills, gifts, money and resources to support God's work?

Demas was a person who Paul mentioned in this text but subsequently deserted Paul. The reason for him walking away was because "he was in love with the present world."

Have you ever known a person who stumbled in their faith because "they were in love with the present world?" What do you think it means to "love the world" more than God?

How can we guard against loving the world more than we love God?