**Discussion Questions Week 4: Colossians 4:2-18**

In our homework we read about Demas and Epaphras. Something happened in the 5 years between Paul’s writing of Philemon and Colossians and his writing of 2 Timothy. If you look at the trajectory of your prayer life, will your spiritual life look more the life of Epaphras (growing, vibrant, and exemplary) or like the life of Demas (“loving this present world”)? Talk about that with your group.

Epaphras prayed specifically for others. What, specifically, do you want your life group to pray for you?

What time each day do you pray? Where do you pray each day? Who do you pray for each day? If someone saw you praying would they describe your prayers as zealous? Be honest with yourself and each other.

We discussed the power of words. Do you respect the power of your words in the life of others? In your own life?

“*Let us note at the outset that there is little apparent difference between ministry to the House of the Lord and ministry to the Lord Himself. Many of you are doing your utmost to help your brethren, and you are laboring to save sinners and administer the affairs of the church. But let me ask you: Have you been seeking to meet the need around you, or have you been seeking to serve the Lord? Is it your fellow men you have in view, or is it Him?*” – Watchman Nee

Go all the way back to Colossians 3:1-2 and discuss this quote from Chinese Evangelist Watchman Nee. Are you seeking to serve men or God?