

Family discussion Read Colossians 4:7-18

How many names can you count?

What are some of the things people are doing?

(writing letter, visiting church, praying, prison, comforting Paul, having church meet in their house, taking letter to another church, completing the work they received from the Lord)

REVIEW: What are some things you remember learning from Colossians?

(help kids think of the 'pictures' from the stories eg. fruit growing, Jesus moving into house, plane - whatever happens to Jesus happens to us, church = porcupines, obeying parents, praying - cranky judge vs God who is good and generous!!)

DISCUSS:

- Think about all the things we've learnt from Colossians ... what it will look like to be on God's mission team together?
- Come up with practical examples that are age appropriate for your family.
eg. Try and learn a gospel outline, pray for a non-christian friend, pray for my friends at Kids church / Yth to grow to be more like Jesus, read the bible together to know Jesus more, ask God to help me take off my crankiness at my sister/brother and replace it with kindness, patience etc.

Read Colossians 1:28-2:5, Read also 3:1-3, 4:2

Where does our energy come to be on God's mission team?

(Christ's energy in us, being raised with Christ, devoted to praying and being watchful and thankful = depending on God!)

Can you remember the goal of God's mission team?

"More and more people saying yes to Jesus and becoming more and more like Jesus"

(Older kids can have a quick look at Colossians 1:28-29, 3:1-4, 3:17, 4:2)

It means we will:

say yes to Jesus ...

grow to be like Jesus ...

tell others about Jesus ...

always pray for God's help ...

Because only he can grow his kingdom.

Conclusion

So remember ... if you are in Christ ... you are on God's big mission team.

You didn't make it onto his team cause you were the tallest or the fastest or the coolest.

You are on God's team because you are in Christ!

Activity

Younger kids ...

What is something you've learnt from Colossians?

Can you draw a picture about it?

Who could you send your picture to as a way of encouraging them to know Jesus and follow him more and more?

Older kids ...

Maybe after listening to the sermon, you could write a short note about what you've learnt from Colossians and send it someone to encourage them to know and follow Jesus more and more. Or to thank them for teaching you about Jesus.

Colossians 4:12 Send the letter and pray for the person like Epaphras!