

Sermon Outline

“Ordinary Believers”

Colossians 4:7-18

Robin Boisvert

January 18, 2015

Main Idea:

Our ordinary lives as believers, and the ordinary tasks that we perform, have great meaning as partners in the gospel with our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sermon Outline:

1. Review of Colossians 1-4:6
 - Concern for the false teachers undermining the gospel and minimizing Jesus Christ
 - Paul's writes to refute false teaching and express *“the absolute and universal supremacy of Jesus Christ over ALL.”*
 - Since we are united with Christ, the Lord is interested and deeply involved in all of our earthly endeavors. He cares about the mundane in our lives.
2. Reading of Colossians 4:7-18
3. Examples of “Ordinary Believers, Ordinary Tasks”
 - Tychicus
 - Aristarchus, Mark, Justus, Epaphras, Luke and Demas
 - Epaphras
 - Brothers and sisters in Laodicea and Nympha

Key Quotes:

*“We are, all of us, seated with Christ in heavenly places **and** at the same time schlepping up the hill of life.”* Robin

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read Colossians 4:7-18.
2. Open in prayer.
3. Discuss the “ordinary believers” listed in Col 4:7-18. What are some ways that they participated in the mission of the church (prayer, hospitality, discipleship, missions)?
4. Discuss ways that each of you is, or can begin to, participate more in the mission of the church.
5. Discuss the act of “greeting” and how it can communicate the grace and love of God. Reflect on and share testimony to the ordinary believers that God used in your conversion and ongoing walk with him. How might God want to use you (ordinary believer) in greeting and engaging others (ordinary activities), in order that he might do an extraordinary work of grace (their salvation) in and through the gospel?
6. End in prayer.