

STUDY GUIDE WEEK 17

Apr. 23

COLOSSIANS 3-4, PSALM 113

- 1. What does Paul encourage believers to focus on in Colossians 3
- 2. What virtues does Paul instruct the Colossians to put on in Colossians 3?
- 3. How does Paul describe the relationship between husbands and wives, and between parents and children in Colossians 3?
- 4. How does Paul instruct the Colossians to interact with those outside the church in Colossians 4?

Discussion: How can putting on the virtues listed by Paul, such as compassion and forgiveness, improve our interactions within the Christian community?



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Apr. 24 1 THESSALONIANS 1-3, PSALM 114

- 1. What characterizes the Thessalonians' faith in 1 Thessalonians 1?
- 2. What is the focus of 1 Thessalonians 2 regarding Paul's ministry?
- 3. Why does Paul send Timothy to the Thessalonians in 1 Thessalonians 3?
- 4. What does Paul pray for the Thessalonians in 1 Thessalonians 3?

Discussion Question: How can Paul's encouragement of the Thessalonians' faith and love inspire us to support and nurture one another in our Christian walk?

Apr. 25 1 THESSALONIANS 4-5, PSALM 115

- 1. What instructions does Paul give for Christians living in 1 Thessalonians 4?
- 2. What hope does Paul offer concerning deceased believers in 1 Thessalonians 4?
- 3. How does Paul describe the day of the Lord in 1 Thessalonians 5?
- ${\bf 4.} \ {\bf What} \ {\bf advice} \ {\bf does} \ {\bf Paul} \ {\bf give} \ {\bf for} \ {\bf spiritual} \ {\bf readiness} \ {\bf in} \ {\bf 1} \ {\bf Thessalonians} \ {\bf 5?}$

Discussion Question: How can the hope of Christ's return and the teachings on spiritual readiness impact our daily lives and relationships with fellow believers?

Apr. 26

2 THESSALONIANS, PSALM 116

- 1. How does Paul encourage the Thessalonians in 2 Thessalonians 1?
- 2. What does Paul request prayer for in 2 Thessalonians 3?
- 3. What instruction does Paul give regarding idleness in 2 Thessalonians 3?
- 4. What final encouragement does Paul offer in 2 Thessalonians 3?

Discussion Question: How can understanding the events preceding the day of the Lord affect our sense of urgency in sharing the gospel and building up the Christian community?

Apr. 27

1 TIMOTHY 1-3, PSALM 117

- 1. What is Paul's primary purpose in writing to Timothy in 1 Timothy 1?
- 2. How does Paul describe the purpose of the law in 1 Timothy 1?
- 3. What are the qualifications for overseers and deacons in 1 Timothy 3?
- 4. What instructions does Paul give regarding prayer in 1 Timothy 2?

Discussion Question: How can Paul's guidance on combating false teachings and promoting sound doctrine help us discern truth and maintain unity in the church?

Apr. 28

1 TIMOTHY 4-6, PSALM 118

- 1. What warning does Paul give about false teachings in 1 Timothy 4?
- 2. How does Paul encourage Timothy as a young leader in 1 Timothy 4?
- 3. What instructions does Paul give about widows and elders in 1 Timothy 5?
- ${\bf 4. \ How \ does \ Paul \ advise \ Timothy \ to \ fight \ the \ good \ fight \ of \ faith \ in \ 1 \ Timothy \ 6?}$

Discussion Question: How can the teachings on contentment and godly living apply to our interactions and support within the Christian community?

Apr. 29

PSALM 119

- 1. How does the psalmist describe his love for God's commandments in Psalm 119?
- 2. What does the psalmist ask God to do throughout Psalm 119?
- 3. What does the psalmist say about the benefits of following God's Word in Psalm 119?
- 4. How does the psalmist express his commitment to God's Word in Psalm 119?

Discussion Question: How can our love for and meditation on God's Word influence our spiritual growth and relationships with fellow believers?



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- 1. Paul encourages them to focus on things above, where Christ is, rather than on earthly things.
- 2. Paul instructs them to put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and love.
- 3. Husbands should love their wives, wives should submit to their husbands, children should obey their parents, and parents should not provoke their children.
- 4. Paul instructs them to be wise, make the most of every opportunity, and let their conversations be gracious and seasoned with salt.

APRIL 24

- 1. Their work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ.
- 2. Paul's sincerity, gentleness, and integrity while sharing the gospel.
- 3. To encourage and strengthen them in their faith during persecution.
- 4. That their love increases and they are established in holiness before God.

APRIL 25

- 1. Live a holy life, avoid sexual immorality, and love one another.
- 2. They will rise first at Christ's return, and all believers will be reunited.
- 3. It will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.
- 4. Stay awake, be sober, and put on the armor of faith, love, and hope.

APRIL 26

- 1. He praises their growing faith, love, and endurance amid persecution.
- 2. That the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored.
- 3. He urges those who are idle to work and not be a burden to others.
- 4. He prays that the Lord will strengthen and protect them from evil.

The Answers

APRIL 27

- 1. To instruct him on combating false teachings and promoting sound doctrine.
- 2. The law is for the unrighteous, not the righteous, to show their sinfulness.
- 3. They must be a man who is faithful to his wife, above reproach, self-controlled, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, and have a well-managed household, among other qualities.
- 4. Pray for all people, including authorities, so that believers may lead peaceful lives.

APRIL 28

- 1. Some will abandon the faith and follow deceptive spirits and teachings of demons.
- 2. To set an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.
- 3. Care for true widows, and honor elders who lead well, especially those who teach.
- 4. To pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.

APRIL 29

- 1. He meditates on them, delights in them, and considers them his counselors.
- 2. To teach him His statutes, give understanding, and guide him in truth.
- 3. It brings comfort, guidance, protection, and a deeper relationship with God.
- 4. He pledges to obey it, meditate on it, and seek it with all his heart.



