

Study Guide for June 11th, 2000. Series: Colossians. Message #10 - Col. 4:2-17 Experience HIM.

Introduction: In your spiritual life, can you think of circumstances that precipitated an experience of God? This study assumes that as we engage in certain activities, we will experience God in fresh ways.

1. Experience God through PRAYER (4:2-4)
 - A. What attitudes should characterize our prayer life?
 - B. What does Paul specifically ask this church to pray for?
 - C. How can we apply these truths in our church life together?

2. Experience God through WITNESS (4:5-6)
 - A. What should characterize our speech and actions around non-Christians?
 - B. Identify a negative and a positive example of that kind of speech and action?

3. Experience God through TESTIMONY (4:7-11)
 - A. What do you think was the effect of the message Paul's emissaries gave to the Colossians?
 - B. When was the last time you were encouraged by news of God's work in someone's life?

4. Experience God through INTERCESSION (4:12-13)
 - A. How does Epaphras prayer (4:12) compare with the report of Paul's prayer (1:9-11)?
 - B. What do these examples teach us about the way we should pray for other believers?
 - C. Have you ever personally known someone like Epaphras? What can you learn from his/her life?

5. Experience God through FELLOWSHIP (4:14-15)
 - A. How would you describe the quality of the relationships that Paul mentions here?
 - B. What can we do as a church family to strengthen our relationships with one another?

6. Experience God through the READING OF HIS WORD (4:16)
 - A. How can you incorporate more exposure to God's word in your life?

7. Experience God through FAITHFUL SERVICE (4:17-18)
 - A. What work have you received from the Lord for which you need the admonition, "Complete it!"