



Small Group Discussion Guide

ICE BREAKER: Are you good at remembering names or do you forget someone's name as soon as they tell you? Do you have a secret to remembering names? If so, share it with your group.

INSTRUCTIONS: If your group meets bi-weekly, do 1 & 3.

1. Read Colossians 1:7, 1 Peter 5:12, Philippians 2:25, Ephesians 6:21 and Colossians 4:7. How does Paul describe each of these people? Why do you think he chooses these words and what is he trying to accomplish by praising these individuals? Read Romans 15:25-26, Titus 3:12, Acts 20:1-4 and Acts 20:22-24. Paul faced danger wherever he went. How did Tychicus and others help Paul? How did they contribute to building God's Kingdom?
2. Read Ephesians 6:22 and Colossians 4:8. What spiritual gift did Tychicus possess? How was this gift used to build up the early churches? Has someone encouraged you to grow in Christ? Is there someone to whom you could offer encouragement? Do you need encouragement right now for an aspect of your spiritual life that you're struggling with? Take time to pray together about this need.
3. Read 2 Corinthians 8:5. Pastor Tom told us this about Tychicus. "Loving, following, and serving Jesus and His church was his priority." How do the values of Tychicus resemble our core values of Experience Grace, Grow in Love, and Give of Yourself (Go to our Core Values section in About Us at www.MyRiversideChurch.com). Do you attend every Sunday and are you a part of a small group on a regular basis? Do you serve somewhere in the church? Do you give your time, talent and treasure? How have our core values grown your faith journey with Jesus? What next step are you working on?
4. Read Ephesians 6:21-22, Colossians 4:7-9 and Titus 3:12. Pastor Tom shared, "Every time we see him in the New Testament, he's doing things that require not just skills, but character." What did Pastor Tom tell us about the character of Tychicus? Do people see similar characteristics in your character? How is God using your character to help others? How is God calling you to be more available? Has God given you opportunities to show that you are trustworthy? What was the situation and how did it transform you and others?

Personal Guide for Week of February 18th

The following passages are often titled "Final Greetings". They list the ordinary people who helped Paul and the other Apostles build the early church. What insights can we gain from the people recognized in these "Final Greetings" that may help us today?

DAY 1 - Read Romans 16:1-27.

DAY 2 - Read 1 Corinthians 16:5-24.

DAY 3 - Read Colossians 4:2-18.

DAY 4 - Read Titus 3:12-15.

DAY 5 - Read 2 Timothy 4:9-22.



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"Typical Tychicus"

Week of February 18, 2018



“Nothing Ordinary: Typical Tychicus” [Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

“Ty-chi-cus” = casual...by _____.

1. Who Was Tychicus?

Note Romans 15:25-26; Colossians 4:7-8; Titus 3:12; II Timothy 4:12

- _____ brother...
- Faithful/faithful servant
- Faithful _____

He appeared to have the gift of _____
(note Ephesians 6:22; Colossians 4:8).

He had an impressive r_____ and character.

He was:

2. _____

He didn't have a _____ list of things he was willing to do.

- Experience _____
- Grow in love
- _____ of yourself (note II Corinthians 8:5)

Loving, following, and serving Jesus and His church was his _____.

He was simply someone who had an open heart, an open mind, and an open
c_____...

3. _____

Every time we see him in the New Testament, he's doing things that require not just skills, but _____.

Note Ephesians 6:21-22; Colossians 4:7-9; Titus 3:12

Because God doesn't make anything or anyone ordinary:

- He is eternally remembered for being a _____ to Jesus and His churches...
- ...and for being a person that both God and God's people could _____.
- Do the people who know us _____ describe us this way?
- Would God Himself describe us this way...?

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. Use the connect card to let us know about your commitment, too!



“Typical Tychicus” Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor

MESSAGE NOTES

“Ty-chi-cus” = “casual...by chance”.

1. Who Was Tychicus?

Note Romans 15:25-26; Colossians 4:7-8; Titus 3:12; 2 Timothy 4:12

- dear brother...
- faithful/faithful servant
- faithful minister

He appeared to have the gift of encouragement (note Ephesians 6:22; Colossians 4:8).

He had an impressive résumé and character.

He was:

2. Available

He didn't have a narrow list of things he was willing to do.

- Experience grace
- Grow in love
- Give of yourself (note 2 Corinthians 8:5)

Loving, following, and serving Jesus and His church was his priority.

He was simply someone who had an open heart, an open mind, and an open calendar...

3. Trustworthy

Every time we see him in the New Testament, he's doing things that require not just skills, but character.

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Because God doesn't make anything or anyone ordinary:

- He is eternally remembered for being available to Jesus and His churches...
- ...and for being a person that both God and God's people could trust.
- Do the people who know us best describe us this way?
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