

## WORSHIP

### SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Let the Praises Sing, Praise the Lord, Christ is Enough

## WELCOME

**Team Jesus.** Describe the ideal characteristics of the members of Team Jesus.

## WORD

### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

*<sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

### REPRESENT CHRIST WELL

We can learn several ways on how to represent Christ well from the servants of Christ that the Apostle Paul names towards the end of his letter to the Colossians (**Colossians 4:7—11**).

1. **Tychicus** – (**v. 7–8; Ephesians 6:21; Titus 3:12; 2 Timothy 4:12–13**) A messenger, space-filler, and a substitute who did not mind his job description. He was an example of one who was not bothered by job titles and would take any thankless job because he understood that God has a purpose for every role He gives us, no matter how small it maybe. Today, being a messenger may be regarded as one of the lowest positions in any company. However, in the work of God, being a messenger can bring hope to people during their trying times. To represent Christ well, we are to serve in any capacity necessary without grumbling.
2. **Onesimus** – (**v.9, Philemon 1:10–13**) A slave who ran away from Philemon and came to know Christ through Paul. He reminds us that we have a precious story to share just like him. People may not know what they are missing until they hear our stories. We were once slaves to sin, until Christ set us free by paying our sin debt in full on the cross. To represent Christ well, we are to share our story of the best decision we made in our life when we followed Christ.
3. **Aristarchus** – (**v.10; Acts 19:28–29, 27:1–2**) A true friend to the Apostle Paul who was there during his lowest point. People need a true friend like Aristarchus who will be present especially during trying times. To represent Christ well, be a true friend in times of trouble.
4. **Mark** – (**v.10; Acts 15:36-38; 2 Timothy 4:11**) He deserted Paul during an important mission, but later returned, became useful in the ministry and wrote the book of Mark. He reminds us that God is a God of many chances who tells us to forgive and give others a second chance. To represent Christ well, believe God forgives and gives another chance for us to fulfill a significant part in His greater plan.
5. **Barnabas** – (**v.10; Acts 9:26–27**) An encourager who can see the potential of people to what they could become in Christ. He believed God could use Mark (once a deserter) and Paul (once a notorious Christian persecutor). Barnabas reminds us that God can use anyone in extraordinary ways regardless of their past and background. To represent Christ, encourage others to be used by God which will enable them encourage others as well (**2 Timothy 2:2**).
6. **Justus** – (**v.11**) He is not mentioned anywhere else in the Bible except in **Colossians 4:11**. He reminds us that we should be willing to serve even in the background without a title and credits, after all who are we really but ordinary people called in service by an amazing God. To represent Christ well, we are to serve with or without the applause of men or the recognition of the world because we serve the audience of One — Christ Himself (**Hebrews 6:10**).
7. **Epaphras** – (**v.12–13, 1:6–7**) A man devoted to prayer. He was also the founder and pastor of the church in Colossae and overseer of Laodicea and Hierapolis, but his hallmark was prayer. To represent Christ well, we need to be people of prayer.

## WORD (cont'd)

8. **Luke – (v.14)** The beloved physician. He reminds us that there is no difference between sacred work vs. secular work. Whatever and wherever we are called for, our work is sacred and it is our primary mission field to represent Christ well. To represent Christ well, be a witness wherever you are in whatever you do.
9. **Nympha – (v.15)** Opened her house for the church. She reminds us to open our lives with our time and energy to help people follow Jesus. She also reminds us that discipleship begins at home. To represent Christ well, help disciple people especially families.

Paul also mentioned Demas and Archippus (v14,17). What can we learn from these two?

Paul in his letter later wrote that Demas fell in love with the pleasures of this world more than things of eternal value (2 Timothy 4:10). This reminds us that no matter how much we have done for the Lord or how long we have been followers of Jesus, if we take our eyes off Jesus and begin making ourselves the center and pursuing something we think we deserve, we may also go the way of Demas.

Paul also gave instruction to remind Archippus to discern the spiritual value of his ministry to fulfill the mission. This reminds us that more than just memorizing our mission, we need to fulfill it – to honor God and make Christ-committed followers who will make Christ-committed followers. The name of Christ that we represent is far more important than our individual names.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

*(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)*

1. **Christ Ambassadors.** What is the primary role of the followers of Christ according to 2 Corinthians 5:20?
2. **Christ is Supreme.** Who is Christ to you? Why do you follow Him?
3. **Peer to Peer Learning.** What impacted you the most from the lives of the servants of Christ from whom you learned today? How do you intend to apply what you have learned from them?

## WORKS

### PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Take a pick from the testimonies of the servants of God in the list below, and apply your version to represent Christ well wherever God calls you. Ask your small group to pray with you, and share your experience with them next time you meet.

1. Tychicus - Serve Christ in any capacity necessary
2. Onesimus - Share your story (once a slave, now free)
3. Aristarchus - Be a true friend in times of trouble
4. Mark - Believe God gives another chance; forgive
5. Barnabas - Encourage others to be used by God
6. Justus - Serve without title or recognition
7. Epaphras - Pray fervently for others
8. Luke - Be a witness in the workplace
9. Nympha - Help disciple people, especially family

### WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

#### I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

#### II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

#### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

#### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

#### V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends