**KINSHIP STUDY OF PAUL’s LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS**

**Week Seven**

**Colossians 4: 2 - 18**

**Mon 29th September & Thurs 2nd October**

Together in Prayer

**Read the passage …..**

**SEVEN QUESTIONS**

**1.** Verse 2. “*Devote yourself to prayer”*

Do we ever talk to each other openly about prayer? We tend to keep our prayer lives secret … and so we do not learn from each other. How can we do better?

**2.** *“Pray that God may open a door for our message”*

What do we pray for? How do we pray for our churches? What would help us to pray better?

**3.** Verse 6. *“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”* How would your / my speech differ if this was to happen?

**4.** Verses 7 - 9 talk about the church knowing about Paul and his life and ministry. Why is this important to Paul?

**5**. V 12 says that Epaphras, who is from Colossiae, but away from home working with Paul .. *‘He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.’*. How do you understand the idea of ‘wrestling in prayer’?

**6.** There is a real sense of teamwork and of all being in this together. Why does it feel as if we have lost that these days? Have we?

**7.** If Paul was to write to us today, what would he say? What concerns would he share? How would he encourage us or command us? (Try and write down three items he would focus on!)