

STUDY GUIDE: KNOWING JESUS

“Living Knowledge” (Colossians 4:2-18)

Discussion Starters

1. Talk about a time that you had a good conversation with a stranger (someone you just met).
2. What are you really grateful for?

Study: Read Colossians 4:2-18 in preparation for the following questions.

3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASB, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASB—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

--“to prayer” (4:2)—

--“keeping alert” (4:2)—

--“with an attitude of thanksgiving” (4:2)—

--“always” (4:6)—

--“grace” (4:6)—

--“encourage” (4:8)—

--“hearts” (4:8)—

--“bondslave” (4:12)—

--“take heed” (4:17)—

4. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage. Note 1) any other words you were unable to find, and 2) words for which you don’t know the reason they were on this list.

