



Group Discussion and Application

1. What are the advantages of face-to-face, in-person ministry?
2. How have others ministered to you long-distance?
What impact has their long-distance ministry had on you?
3. What makes letter writing an effective means of ministry?
4. Letter writing is only one form of long-distance ministry. Suggest some other ways we may minister to those from whom we are separated.
5. When it comes to ministering to believers who are not present, what can we do to assure that out of sight is not out of mind?
6. What are some of the lesson's to be learned about prayer from Paul's prayer in our text?
7. How can we pray more effectively for others?
8. Examine some of Paul's prayers for other believers (e.g., Eph 1:17-19; 3:16-19; Col 1:9-11). What did he pray for them?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. Evaluate your own prayers for other believers. (See #8 above)
2. Select several individuals and commit to pray for them this week.
3. Write a letter to someone you have not seen for a long time.



Family Homework

1. Make a list of believers you have not seen for quite some time.
Who could you go visit? Plan a trip to see them.
Who could you minister to in some other way (e.g., writing a letter)?
How will you minister to them?
2. After dinner some evening, have each person in the family write a personal letter to someone you know and love, but have not seen for a long time.



High Mileage Ministry

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Paul demonstrates three means of long-distance ministry.

1

Pursue ministry in _____ when possible.

2

Use a _____ when you can't minister in person.

3

Always _____ .