

Growth Group Lesson: April 13 - 14, 2024

**Title: Colossians: Union to Christ and His Church, Pt 1 - "Praying You Show HIS Worth"
Colossians 1:1-14**

Big Idea: Show the worth of the LORD by bearing fruit, growing in your knowledge of Him, being strengthened, and giving thanks.

What in the message stood out to you?

What questions do you have?

Introduction and Thanksgiving - Colossians 1:1-8

Considering the challenges faced by the church in Colossae with potential heresies and false teachings, how can we guard ourselves against similar challenges in our modern context? What role does ongoing learning and understanding of the truth play in this?

How can our anticipation of heaven inspire our current expressions of love and faith, as mentioned in verse 5? In which area of faith, hope, or love do you feel the least confident, and what factors might contribute to that?

Walk Worthy of the Lord - Colossians 1:9-14

1. Bearing Fruit in every good work [v.10]

In what ways can we demonstrate the worth of our Lord Jesus Christ in our actions and attitudes towards others, both within the church community and in our interactions with the world? How can we ensure that our lives reflect the values and teachings of the Gospel consistently?

2. Growing in the Knowledge of the LORD [v.10]

Paul's prayer for the Colossians includes being filled with the knowledge of God's will and growing in the knowledge of Him. How can we practically pursue this in our daily lives? Both personally and within our church family?

3. Being Strengthened [v.11]

Reflecting on the idea of being strengthened with "glorious might" and enduring with patience, share about a time when you experienced God's strength in a challenging situation. How did that experience impact your faith and relationship with God?

4. Giving Thanks [v.12-14]

Paul emphasizes the importance of giving thanks. How can we cultivate a habit of thanksgiving in our lives, especially in challenging circumstances or with cultural pressures that may challenge our faith? What specific things are you grateful for in your relationship with Christ?

“Next Steps” Takeaways - Discuss and pray through the following:

With God:

- Brainstorm ways with your small group to build a habit/rhythm of giving thanks to the LORD. (Trying to notice small provisions and blessings throughout your day)
- What is something about who God is that you don't understand? Seek to grow in your understanding of Him in that area.

With Others:

- Paul gives us an incredible way to pray for others in Colossians 1:9-14. Spend some time in prayer using this passage as your guide for one another.

On Mission:

- Paul shares the power of hearing, understanding, and learning the gospel and the by-product of it bearing fruit and increasing. Practice sharing the gospel with one another in 60 seconds.