

Cheat Sheet

We want the students to see how Paul and the church at Colossae are modeling the way we ought to live.

- We ought to find our identity in Christ and in the ways that we serve Him through ministry.
- We ought to love other believers around us, including those we are connected with, such as our extended ministry partners.
- We should pray for those in the church and for others who are far away, such as our extended ministry partners.

Make sure the students understand that the first and most important path God calls us to follow is the path to Christ.

Challenge the students to live out and internalize Colossians 1:10–14.

Possible discussion questions

- What does Paul identify in this passage as the reason we have to be Glad?
- What does Paul identify in this passage as a reason we have to be grateful?
- What does Paul identify in this passage as a reason we have to be going?
- How does Paul highlight the work of each person of the Trinity in his prayer?
- What is the significance of Paul's thanking God in his prayer for their faith, love, and hope?
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- What does Paul's Prayer teach us about the gospel?
- What does Paul's prayer teach us about community?
- What does Paul's Prayer teach us about how we should pray for others?
- How does Paul show us the importance of being members of God's family in the passage?
- What does this passage teach us about our relationships with fellow believers in the church?
- What are some of the ways God has clearly and specifically revealed his will for our lives in scripture?
- What are ways we engage in the process of fulfilling God's will as discussed in the passage?
- What does this passage tell us about both the past and present benefits of our salvation?

- How does God's redemption of us lead to service?