



# COLOSSIANS

## Colossians 1:9-14 // Rooted in Knowledge and Wisdom

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### Getting Started

- *Larger LIFE Groups may consider splitting into same gender groups in order to facilitate more meaningful discussion.*
- *Groups will not have enough time to discuss every question. Leaders are encouraged to skip questions and make substitutions based on what's best for their group.*

### Warm Ups (15 Min)

- Everyone go around and share a “High” from the week and a “Low” from the week.
- What were some things your family valued growing up?

### Scripture Study (30 Min)

- Read Colossians 1:9-14
- Paul goes on to state what He is praying for for the Colossians. He prays for “knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding” (1:9). There were false teachers that were promoting another kind of knowledge and spirituality. It included great interest in spirits, the worship of angels, and asceticism which is harsh treatment of the body and complete abstinence from worldly pleasures. The false teachers were Jewish and promoting keeping Jewish practices, festivals, and dietary rules. This spirituality was also known as “Jewish Gnosticism.” It died out and did not last very long.
- Paul is praying for the whole Christian life: growth in knowledge of God’s will (1:9), endurance/perseverance until death (1:11), and receiving the inheritance (1:12) which is glory (1:27; 3:4). Paul’s basic desire is that Jesus followers would have understanding of the practical implications of Jesus and live it out in the midst of any obstacles, until they receive “the inheritance” (1:12) which is eternal life.

- Knowledge brings information. Wisdom brings transformation. Discuss the previous two statements. (Someone with knowledge knows the content of Scripture. Someone with wisdom knows the practical application of that content in people's lives).
- How do wisdom from God and knowledge of God impact human flourishing?
- What is the danger of someone simply being "spiritual" but having no roots in truth?
- How do wisdom and knowledge of God's will fuel your endurance until the end?
- Paul says that the follower of Jesus has been "delivered from the domain of darkness and transferred to the kingdom of His beloved Son" (1:14). Why do you suppose that Paul has high expectations to those who profess to follow Jesus?
- How do/would you go about gaining knowledge of God's will?
- Solomon was a wise man. However, now someone greater than Solomon is here (Matt. 12:42). Read Colossians 2:2-3.
- Do you struggle more with gaining knowledge of Scripture, or putting the knowledge you have into practice?
- What are you going to believe or do differently as a result of this Scripture passage?

## **Group Prayer (15 Min)**

## **Trios (20 Min)**

*Same gender groups of three. If numbers are uneven, go to groups of two.*

- **Spiritual Velocity:**
  - How did you see God at work in your life this week?
  - What has God been teaching you in His Word as you've encountered it in this week's Life Journal readings, Sunday message, or LIFEGroup study?
  - What's an area of your life in which you know you need to repent or grow? How can we encourage you?
- **Joining Jesus on His Mission:**
  - What kind of conversations are you having with non-Christians? How's your 3-2-1 challenge going? Share about connections you're building and spiritual conversations you're having with non-believing neighbors and friends.
  - List the names of non-Christians in your life that you can pray for:  
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  - What good can we do around here? (Missional party? Service project?)
  - How can we help each other, our neighbors, and our city in prayer?