



June 19, 2022

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Colossians 1:9-14 (NLT)

⁹ So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. ¹⁰ Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. ¹¹ We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, ¹² always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ who purchased our freedom^[b] and forgave our sins.

WARM-UP

- What stood out to you from the message?
- In this passage we see just how protective Paul and Epaphras were when it came to overseeing the Colossians. Who would you say was your biggest source of protection in your life? Who watched over you? How so?

(Below you will find the main points of this week's sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)

Thought #1 – Paul and Epaphras show great care and concern for the Colossians!

Verses: Colossians 1:9-14

- If your group were suddenly a church planting team, what concerns would you have for your young church? What threats from outside of

the church and within the larger church might threaten your new believers?

- What steps would your group take to help your new plant church maintain a proper understanding of who Jesus is and how to live as Christians in the world?
- How would you pray for them?

Thought #2 – Two great allergies are threatening the Colossians!

Verses: Colossians 1:9-14

- From the Greek culture that surrounded the Colossians, there was an idea that the Colossians needed to study higher enlightenment from every source, meaning Jesus + other competing ideas? What is the danger in this? Do you see this at work even today?
- From the Jewish tradition surrounding the Colossians, there was an idea that the Colossians needed to faithfully practice all Jewish rituals, special days, customs, and even circumcision. What is the danger in this? Do you see this at work even today?

Thought #3 – Jesus is enough!! Jesus is supreme!! Jesus is sufficient!!

Verses: Colossians 1:9-14

- Have you ever questioned the authority of Jesus and His Word? What led to that questioning? Who helped you in this difficulty? How have you come to understand the authority of Jesus and His Word today?
- Have you ever questioned the sufficiency of Jesus and life in Him? What led you to question how sufficient Jesus is? What does it mean to you when Paul says that Jesus is sufficient for salvation and human flourishing? Do you agree or disagree?

Thought #4 – An easy “Amen” is not always a truthful “Amen”!

Verses: Colossians 1:9-14, 2 Peter 1:3

- When you observe your own faith journey and especially the faith journeys of young and growing Christians, what “additions” to Jesus do you see interfering today? For example, Jesus +

politics, Jesus + identity, Jesus + the American Dream. What have some become convinced they need to experience in addition to Jesus?

- What are some things that it is easy to say “Amen” to, but harder to live out consistently?

Challenge:

- Challenge your group members to meditate on 2 Peter 1:3 this week as they contemplate the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus in their life, belief, and practice this week.

Questions for Pastor Todd Keller or Madison Brown regarding your REMIX group?

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***Remember to record your attendance for the week. Thank you.

How can we pray for each other this week?

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