

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there anything about the sermon today you'd like to discuss further? Anything that stuck out to you or that you wanted clarification on?
2. Even though Paul had never met these Christians he was both aware of what God was doing and dedicated to praying for them on a regular basis. How aware are you of what God is doing in other places around the world? Does that affect your prayer life? What are some things you could learn in this area?
3. Paul prayed that the Colossians would have "knowledge." What do you think he meant by that? What's the danger of having knowledge w/o obedience? What about "living for God" w/o any desire to "know him?" Which way to you tend?
4. What would it sound like if you paraphrased Paul's prayer for your own context?
5. If you're comfortable doing so, give the names of 3-4 people for whom you're willing to pray this prayer for 21 days. (staff, family, friends, co-workers, etc) Report back on January 29th what you saw God do through the process.
6. In what areas of your life do you need to be "strengthened with God's power?" In what areas are you in need of greater "patience or endurance?" If you're comfortable, share something you've be struggling with lately.
7. Spend some time letting God fill your heart/class with joy. Share some reasons why you're thankful. How has God most richly blessed you?
8. Give the names of 3-4 people to whom you're willing to say, "I'm thankful to God for you." Who could you encourage in this way? Will you do so?
9. In light of today's message, what are some concrete and practical steps you will take today so that you apply the Word to your life? How can we help?