

# SERMON GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Check out your notes from this week’s sermon. What stood out?  
Were you challenged? Anything you found difficult or disagreed with?

## INTRO QUESTION

Many of us live our lives in a constant rush. Even when we’re reading God’s Word, we read fast to feel productive, or maybe to move onto the next thing. Do you really enjoy always feeling hurried? How might slowing down while reading Scripture change what you notice or remember?

## DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - COLOSSIANS 1:3-8

- What does Paul’s example teach us about how to pray for other believers?
- How much of our prayer life is marked by thanking God for other believers?
- How does Paul’s gratitude while imprisoned add weight to his words here?
- Based solely on the text we’re covering, how did the Colossians seem to be demonstrating their faith? (Hint: Verse 6)
- What does Paul’s gratitude for the Colossians reveal about what God values most in a church?
- If Paul could write a letter to our church, what fruit of the gospel would he thank God for? What might he pray would grow deeper among us?
- Who did you learn the Gospel from? Who will learn the Gospel from you?

## TAKEAWAYS

### THANKS BE TO GOD FOR THE GOSPEL

*Romans 1:16-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Colossians 1:28*

How often does your gratitude in prayer center on the Gospel rather than wants and needs?

When was the last time the truth of the Gospel moved you to real worship or thanksgiving?

Paul rejoiced that the Gospel was bearing fruit and growing. If someone looked at your life right now, what evidence would they see that the Gospel is doing the same in you?

What might it look like for our church to celebrate “Gospel fruit” instead of just activity or attendance?

### HEAVENLY HOPE SUSTAINS OUR FAITH AND LOVE

*Ephesians 2:12; Titus 2:11-13; 1 John 3:2-3*

If your hope is anchored in eternity, how does that change what you prioritize today?

How might focusing on what’s coming help purify the present?

Does remembering who you were before Christ deepen your gratitude and patience with those who don’t yet know Him?

## KNOWLEDGE APPLIED

What does this teach us about people? About Jesus? How will we better obey Christ based on what we’ve just learned? Who will we share this with?