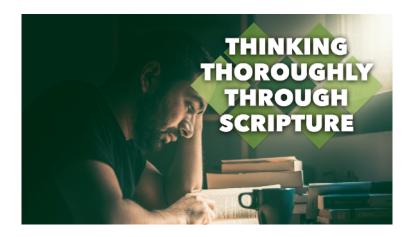


# bottom line

When we understand God's story, we can find our place in it.



### corresponding teaching content

Invite your group members to watch the corresponding teaching by Pastor Andrew on <u>LivingInhabit.com</u>'s Media page before you begin this week's discussion guide.

### group icebreaker

Which story is best: Lord of the Rings, Star Wars or Harry Potter? Or name your own!

# reading scripture together

Read Greetings from Paul — Colossians 1:1-8.

# play today's group intro video



## suggested discussion questions

#### getting connected with scripture:

- Take turns reading through the rest of Colossians (yes, the whole thing! <u>(</u>).
  - As you go, mark or make note of any verses or sections that strike you as particularly meaningful or inspiring today.
  - After you finish, take turns sharing something you marked or noted and why you think it captured your attention.
- What benefit comes from lengthier readings of Scripture compared to just a verse or even a chapter at a time?

### getting practical with our faith:

- Why do you believe we have less patience for (or place less value on) these lengthier readings of Scripture than the early Christians seemed to have?
- What are the main obstacles that stand in the way of your reading more of the Bible in ways that can capture the broader, overarching narrative of Scripture?

### apply: after part three of today's video

- In your past experiences, what has helped you better understand and be inspired by God's story? This is an opportunity to share ideas and encouragement with one another!
- Read Colossians 3:16 again. Practically speaking, how can we better live this instruction out in our day?
- Where and how does our story fit in with God's story?
- This Week: Alone or with your family, read through a book of the Bible in one sitting. We recommend James or Philippians.