



# COLOSSIANS

## Colossians 1:24 - 2:5 // Rooted in Christ

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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.
- Parents: why do you want your children to be mature?

### Scripture Study (30 Min)

- Read Colossians 1:24-2:5
- The big idea is that Paul, as a minister of the Gospel (1:25), is laboring and toiling (1:29) to present everyone mature in Christ (1:28). That is the goal of a pastor's ministry: to go and make disciples (Matt. 28:18-20). Paul reveals the means by which one becomes mature: total dependence upon Christ *who lives inside of the believer* (1:27)! Total dependence upon Christ for truth (2:3-4) is the means towards growth.
- According to Scripture, a pastor or elder must have a lifestyle that others can imitate (Hebrews 13:7) and they will be held accountable for their teaching and oversight of the flock (Hebrews 13:17). What are some ways you can support your pastor or elders?
- What is the difference between religion by self-effort and the power of Christ working in you?
- Where is motivation based in religion by self-effort?

- Where is motivation based as a result of the Gospel?
- What are the results of religion by self-effort?
- What are the results of salvation by faith in Christ?
- Scripture teaches that after one is saved by faith in Christ there are stages of spiritual growth. There are infants (*one who is new to faith in Jesus*, 1 Cor. 3:1; 1 Peter 2:2), children (*one that is growing in knowledge of Scripture and connecting to God and community of believers*, 1 Cor. 14:20; Heb. 5:13-14), mature believers (*one characterized by service, God-centeredness, other-centeredness*, Eph. 4:13, Phil. 3:15, Col. 1:28, Col. 4:12), and spiritual parents (*characterized by intentionality, reproducibility, strategy*, 1 Cor. 4:15).
- Reflect upon where the Lord has taken you in your spiritual journey and where you think you are going.

## 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?