



SERMON

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WEEK 2: Colossians 1:9-14

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study together.
- 2) Now, read Colossians 1:9-14 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Was there anything that you didn't understand? Discuss.
- 4) Verses 9-12 form one long sentence. In verse 9, the Apostle Paul says that "we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will." Paul wants the Colossians to know the will of God and walk in the will of God. How can we know the will of God? How can we perceive God's will when we have an important decision to make?
- 5) After praying that the Colossians would know the will of God, Paul then prays that they would "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord" (v. 10). What do you think it means to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord? What's an area of your life where this is easier? What's an area of your life where this is harder?
- 6) In verse 11, Paul prays that the Colossians would be "strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might." Have you ever felt the strength of God in your life? Have you ever felt like God's strength wasn't there? Discuss.
- 7) Verse 12 contains an amazing truth; Paul says that the Father "has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints of light." Notice that we don't qualify ourselves, it is God who qualifies us. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 together—it further explains how this happens. What goes through your mind as you think about what Jesus has done for us?

- 8) Think carefully about the truths contained in verses 13-14. The Apostle Paul says that those who are in Christ have been transferred from the domain of darkness and transferred into the Kingdom of Jesus (this is not something that will happen, but something that has already happened). Those not in Christ are in the domain of darkness, and those in Christ are in the Kingdom of God. We don't necessarily see this reality with our eyes, but it's the truth about the way things really are. If you're a christian, how did your life change when you came to know Jesus?

- 9) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.