

Colossians: Christ In Us

Colossians 1:4-8

Sermon: We Always Thank God

Sermon Theme: *Paul provides several reasons for thanksgiving in this passage, above all--for the Gospel.*

OPENING QUESTIONS

Group leaders, you are challenged to come up with 2 discussion starter-questions that either relate to the sermon or are relevant to your specific growth group.

THE WORD READ

- Have the text read aloud in your group by either nominating someone or by taking turns.
- Colossians 1:4-8 (ESV), *[4] Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, [5] because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, [6] which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, [7] just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf [8] and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.*
- Have your group pray that Holy Spirit would work in your group so the group would have a fuller grasp of the text, have a great discussion, and would grow as friends.

THE WORD DISCUSSED

- Watch the sermon discussion video, taking note of points for later discussion.
- What new insights into the sermon or the text did you discover though this video?

THE WORD PREACHED

- How has your knowledge of God deepened through this sermon?
- How has your understanding of the world broadened through this sermon?
- How has your awareness of yourself been enriched through this sermon?
- What new truths about the Christianity, the Church, or Christ have you discovered through this sermon?

THE WORD LIVED

- In what ways were you personally comforted in you walk with Christ through this sermon?
- Where were you personally convicted by the Holy Spirit in the area of holiness through this sermon?
- How were you personally commissioned to live more fully for God through this sermon - and how can this group pray to support you and hold you accountable to this?

CLOSING PRAYER

Spend some time as a group praying for each other's needs. (Group Leaders, be mindful of on-going prayer requests.) Challenge everyone to pray aloud.