

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 29, 2020

Passage: Colossians 1:3-14

Memory Passage: Colossians 1:11-12

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) Read Col. 1:1-14. To whom is Paul addressing this letter? What is the significance of the two titles?
- (b) With Thanksgiving upon us, for what is Paul thanking God in verses 3-5? Do we intentionally, consciously give God thanks for the same?
- (c) How will you reconsider and re-examine your practice of thanksgiving in light of this passage?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) Read Col. 1:1-14. What do verses 3 and 9 have in common?
- (b) What does Paul pray for in v. 9? Why (see v.10)?
- (c) Do we pray for one another in this way frequently? (v. 9 & 10) Ever? How might praying in this way for others affect our conversation with others, our thoughts about others?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) Read Col. 1:3-14. Some Bibles have a man-made heading over verses 3-14 stating, “Thanksgiving and Prayer.” How can / do these two fuel one another? How might thanksgiving and prayer become a reciprocal arrangement in your life / our lives?
- (b) Who do you know that prays for you consistently? When did you last thank him/her/them? For whom do you pray substantive prayers like those here in Colossians 1 (also see Eph. 3:14-19). Would it encourage them to know this? Tell them today.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) Read Col. 1:3-14. Today is Thanksgiving Day! In what ways has the passage this week changed your giving of thanks? Look back to DAY 1, letter (c). How are you doing with that?
- (b) Are you finding there are more areas in your life (and prayer life) that could use more thankfulness? What will you do about that?
- (c) For what is Paul thankful in verse 12? Are we to be thankful that we are now “qualified to share in the inheritance,” or thankful that the Father has qualified us? Or is the answer, “Yes?” What is the distinction and how should that affect our thanksgiving?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) Read Col. 1:3-14. Verse 13 reveals *how* the Father “qualified us to share in ... light.” What action by Him qualified us?
- (b) Rewrite and personalize verses 13 & 14. Stop. Meditate. How can you use this evangelistically?
- (c) Use the space below to write a personalized prayer of thanksgiving to God for what he has done in your life based on verses 9-14.
