



JOURNEY GROUPS

OCTOBER 11 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

STUDY

Digging Deeper into Colossians 1:1-8:

1. We are starting a new series in Colossians. Have someone **read Colossians 1:1-8**. Paul wrote this letter. Who is Paul?
2. What role did Paul play in the early days of the church?
3. What is Paul's backstory? How did he become the Apostle to the Gentiles? Why is it ironic that Paul became one of the greatest builders of God's church in our history?
4. On Sunday, Matt highlighted that Timothy is mentioned at the beginning. As Paul's apprentice, Timothy shadowed the Apostle, learning to be like him, and when Paul left Ephesus, Timothy was ready to lead the church, even though he was young. Do you have a Timothy in your life, someone you are investing in and discipling into maturity and fruitfulness?
5. The Colossians were a special faith community, and they were doing some important things very well. What compliments does Paul give them in the **first 6 verses**?
6. Matt really highlighted on Sunday just how big a role THANKSGIVING played in Paul's personal life and how often it showed up in his teaching. Why is there really no room for Christians to be known as complainers?
7. How can your life become saturated in thanksgiving? What can you do to 'overflow with thankfulness?'

8. Have someone *reread Colossians 1:6-8*. Who is Epaphras, and why was he so special?
9. **Romans 1:16** says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile." Epaphras, armed with faith, love for his neighbors, and the gospel, planted 3 churches; one later appears in the book of Revelation. What keeps you from sharing the gospel with the people God has placed in your life?
10. Matt summed up the message of Colossians in one sentence: "Colossians proclaims the absolute supremacy and the sole sufficiency of Jesus Christ." He also warned us that we may not be in danger of denying Jesus, but we may be in danger of dethroning Jesus. What does that mean?
11. What in your life needs to decrease right now so Jesus can take his rightful place as the King of your heart and the Lord of your life?

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