

Discussion Guide

When Rumors Are Good
August 30, 2026

PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.

We are beginning a reading of Paul's letter to the believers in Colossae. This week we will look at Paul's greeting, and the first part of his prayer for them. Paul had not yet met them, but had heard of the passionate faith, abiding love, and powerful hope they had in Christ.

- If you have ever written a fan letter, to whom did you write and what did you say?
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PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ COLOSSIANS 1:1-8 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- What do you learn about God in this passage? About Paul, Timothy and Epaphras?
 - In what ways is the greeting (vs. 2) uniquely Christian?
 - If faith, hope, and love are the fruit of the gospel (vss. 5-6) then what does this fruit look like? Feel like?
 - Paul had not yet met the Colossians when he sent this letter to them. What has he heard about them?
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PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- How do your prayers for others compare with Paul's intensity?
 - If Paul heard about your group, what would he hear? What might he say to you?
 - How are the "fruits" of faith, love, and hope growing in your life? What can you do to further develop these attributes?
 - What can you do this week to be a disciple-making disciple of Jesus?
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KEY VERSE:

Colossians 1:3

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints

NEXT STEPS:

- I will strive to be known for my faithful pursuit of Christ.
- I will work to be a disciple making disciple.
- I will pray for faithfulness and fruitfulness of ECC.
- I will commit to thanking _____ for their faithfulness to the gospel.

