

Discussion Guide

Giving Thanks
September 13, 2026

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

Last week we had the chance to hear from each of our campus ministers about how to pray for others and what to pray. This week we are continuing through Colossians, and this week's passage is about gratitude. In this section, Paul prays that we'll give thanks to God and show gratitude.

- Do you have any seasonal recipes, decorations, hobbies, etc. for this time of year? Tell about your favorite one.
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PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ COLOSSIANS 1:12-14 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- What does Paul's writing about giving thanks to God reveal about his priorities?
 - Read 1 Peter 1:3-5. What do you learn about the inheritance believers receive from these verses?
 - How would you describe the "domain of darkness" compared to the "kingdom of his beloved son"?
 - How are people transferred from one dominion to the other? What does verse 14 say about how the two are related?
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PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- In what ways does knowing that God qualified you (rather than your own efforts) change how you view your worth and security?
- How does the reality of being delivered from darkness and brought into Jesus' kingdom influence your daily choices, habits, and attitudes?
- How can you practically practice giving thanks to the Father for this inheritance in your everyday life?
- When was the last time you shared your faith with a non-believer? How did that go?

KEY VERSE:

Colossians 1:12

giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

NEXT STEPS:

- I will pledge to live...
- A Thankful Life – giving God the praise he deserves for who he is and what he has done.
- A Changed Life – walking in a manner worthy of the gospel.
- A Shared Life – letting others know about what God has done for us.

