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Paul wrote the book of Colossians to the church in the small city of Colossae. The church was probably made up of mostly non-Jewish Christ followers. Paul had never been to Colossae but seemed to have in mind that it was known for being a city of “religious fusion” when writing this book. See if you can find ways he encourages the early Christians to keep Christ as their head and stay true to the gospel they had embraced.



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Each week, you'll read through a chapter of Colossians, and each day spend time studying it and answering the question of the day. When you meet with your Series Group, you will have an opportunity to share your thoughts and refine your understanding even further.

1 Corinthians 13 shows us that each of us sees and knows part of the picture, but as we come together we discover a more complete revelation of the Father's heart.

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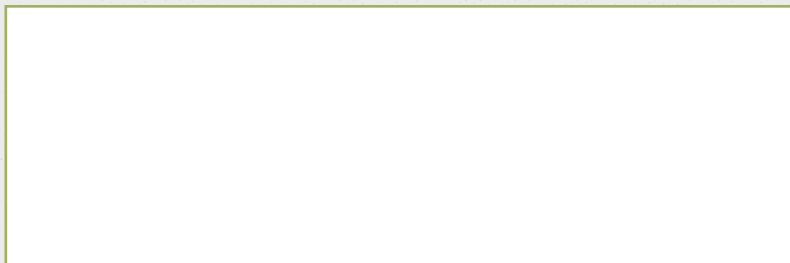
Week 1

Study of Colossians

Read Colossians Chapter 1

Day 1

Summary: Draw a picture in the space provided to summarize the chapter. Be as creative as you like!



Day 2

Questions: After reading the chapter, write down any questions that popped into your mind. What do you want to learn more about? What are you curious about?

Day 3

Praying in Power: The Jewish people had a rich culture of prayers to the Lord, but to new Christ followers outside the Jewish community (called Gentiles in the New Testament), this would have been a foreign concept. Paul models a powerful prayer for the Colossians in verses 3-14. What requests does Paul make to God for the Christians? What does he model thankfulness in?

Requests:

Thanksgiving: _____

Pause: Would praying this prayer over Mount Hope change how we view each other? Please take some time to specifically pray over Mount Hope and your Group with the same requests and thanksgiving that Paul modeled for us.

Day 4

Spiritual Inventory: You might notice that verses 15-20 look a little different than the rest of the chapter. That's because it is a poem about Jesus. Paul is using poetry to connect emotionally with his audience. Allow yourself to feel the power and awesome wonder of Christ as you read these verses. What is God highlighting to you so you can know Him more intimately?

Day 5

Actionable Intel: Read verses 21 & 22. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring up anything that may be blocking you from feeling that you are able to sit in the Father's presence, holy and blameless. Ask Jesus how He wants to deal with anything that comes up. Receive His blessings.

Blockage: _____

Blessings that replace the blockage: _____


Week 2

Study of Colossians

Read Colossians
Chapter 2

Day 1

Summary: Draw a picture of you rooted in Christ. Use details from the chapter.
Optional: Read Ephesians 3:17-19



Day 2

Key Words: Make a list of key words that God highlighted to you in this chapter. Why did these words stick out to you?

Day 3

Compare and Contrast: You can see in this chapter, Paul is making a case for being “rooted” but with our “head in the clouds.” Make a comparison that contrasts Paul’s examples of a world focused mindset with examples of a heavenly mindset.

World Mindset	Heavenly Mindset

Day 4

Spiritual Inventory: Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you anything that is hindering you from having a heavenly mindset or that is keeping you from being rooted in Him. This is called an “ungodly belief.” Ask Jesus how He wants to get rid of that ungodly belief and what His truth is that He wants to replace it with. Write down the Godly belief.

Day 5

Actionable Intel: What secret does Paul attribute to success in walking away from evil ways?

Read Colossians Chapter 3

Importance of the Source: In chapter 2, Paul made clear that “worldly methods” won’t draw us closer to God or help us walk in our true identity. In chapter 3, Paul reveals the source of our transformation. Highlight every instance of the key words “life” or “lives” in your Bible.

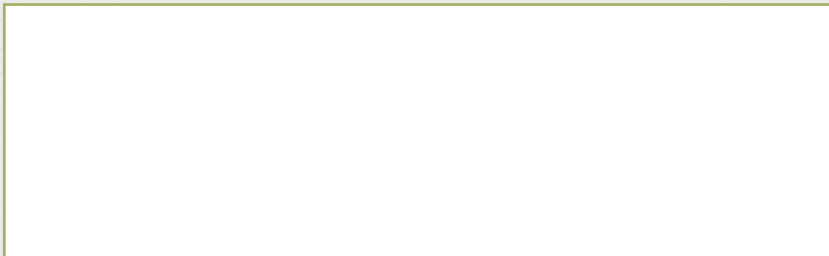
New Clothes: Paul uses the imagery of clothing to demonstrate what we should “put on” and “take off” in our transformation to be more like Christ. Use the clothes in Colossians 3 and the armor in Ephesians 6:11-18 to see the full list of God’s equips us with.

Armor in Ephesians 6:

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Day 3

Community Action: Focus on verses 12-25. What are ways we are encouraged to interact with those we are in community with (family, work, church)? Draw a picture of what it would look like to live in perfect harmony with each other.



Day 4

Spiritual Inventory: Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what spiritual “clothes” you are wearing. Anything that isn’t from God, ask Jesus how He wants to deal with that “article of clothing.” Partner with Jesus in getting rid of the old clothing and putting on a new outfit in its place.

Day 5

Summarization Challenge: Try to summarize Colossians chapter 3 in one or two sentences!

Week 4

Study of Colossians

Read Colossians Chapter 4

Day 1

Cultural Snapshot: After reading the chapter, you'll notice the very first verse seems like a continuation of Chapter 3. The books in the Bible weren't divided into chapters until the 13th century. However, a snapshot into the church members mentioned in this chapter gives us a clue into why this verse may have been chosen to begin Chapter 4 instead of ending Chapter 3.

One of the men Paul mentions by name is Onesimus, who was a runaway slave who accepted Christ as his Savior after having escaped from his master, Philemon. Paul had become good friends with Onesimus, but had sent him back to his people and to Philemon.

Having heard Paul's letter read aloud, the church in Colossae now has the opportunity to watch the way Philemon demonstrates a heavenly mindset in real time as he submits to his master. Draw a picture of what that might look like.



Day 2

Praying in Power: Verses 2-6 gives instruction on a Christian's prayer life and interacting with others who haven't yet encountered God. Spend some time praying and interceding for Mount Hope and your group to find opportunities to share Jesus, to be clear in representing Him well, to recognize and take advantage of every opportunity. What does a "gracious and attractive" conversation sound like? Try practicing that today.

Day 3

Culture of Honor: How does Paul demonstrate the culture of honor that he talked about in Chapters 1- 3, among the believers in the region in this chapter?

Day 4

Discovering Destiny: In Verse 17, Paul encourages the church to tell a man named Archippus "Be sure to carry out the ministry the Lord gave you." How have you been called to encourage those around you to discover and walk in the destiny God created for them? Ask the Holy Spirit who you can reach out to and encourage in this way.

Day 5

Rooted: As our study in the book of Colossians comes to a close, write the top five takeaways from the book. Did you receive healing from something the enemy was trying to clothe you with? Did you find new hope in an area of your life you had given up trying to "overcome"? Did you experience a greater level of intentional thankfulness?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. - Colossians 2:2

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