

Colossians Bible Study

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Session 1

Book of Colossians Intro

Theme: Jesus and nothing else.

- 1. What's your current understanding of the book of Colossians? What are you hoping to learn?
- 2. What are some false teachings that we are fighting in the Church today?
- 3. One of Paul's goals was to reemphasize the supremacy of Jesus. What challenges make us think that Jesus is not enough?

Session 2

Colossians 1:13-14

Theme: What is Freedom to you?

- 1. Do you think we are tempted to exchange privileges in Christ for cultural norms? What have we made cultural norms? Discuss
- 2. What's your definition of Freedom? Read Colossians 1:13-14. What do these verses say about Freedom?
- 3. What does it mean to you that you are a "New Creation"? How does this impact your view on God, yourself, and others?

 Going Deeper: Read Luke 4:18-19, Isaiah 61:1. What was Jesus' mission?

Session 3

Colossians 2:6-7

Theme: Faith is not a jail cell, but a walk with Jesus.

- 1. What does being firmly rooted in Christ mean to you?
- 2. Where have you felt the burden of the responsibilities of being a Christian? How do we live in true Christian Freedom?
- 3. How might "Abounding in Thanksgiving" in your walk with Jesus help you remain faithful?

Session 4

Colossians 3:17

Theme: Freedom leads to Thanksgiving.

- 1. How do you nurture and help the process of being motivated by your relationship with Jesus?
- 2. Read verse 17 again. How does this verse sum up our lives, our choices, our words, deeds, opinions and actions?
- 3. Danny said, "Society has blinded us to be on to the next thing, but when we are not being grateful where we are we find ourselves imprisoned again." How different would each day be if we paused and counted our blessings instead of constantly moving on to the next thing?

Session 5

Colossians 4:5-6

Theme: Liberation is not for our own benefit.

- 1. When it comes to sharing our faith, God expects us to exercise wisdom. What practices should we have in our lives to help us "exercise" wisdom?
- 2. Salt = interesting, interactive, depth, appealing. Without it, Christianity can look dull. Who do you know that speaks of the gospel with these characteristics? What is it that makes their speech "seasoned with salt"?
- 3. What things hold us back from making the most of every opportunity that comes our way to share the Good News?