



## SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 1:3-8

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### Guideline:

Before you begin your discussion and reading of Scripture, pray. Ask God to enlighten you, to show you where he has been at work and present in your past week through moments and people. Ask Him to guide and enliven your group in your readings and discussion.

Next, as you can in your group, read aloud and slowly **Colossians 1:3-8**. As you can take turns and read aloud these verses again, this time from a different bible translation.

### For starters:

Have you ever been duped or deceived? How did that feel? Or have you ever known someone with an integrity of character that impacted you - someone you may have considered "the genuine article?" How did that experience influence you?

What distracts you from keeping focused on your priorities? What helps you stay in focus?

See the following questions that may assist you in your discussion.

1. Paul hasn't met these believers (ref 2:1), yet he is attracted to them. Why? What types of people are you attracted to when you enter a new church group, community or fellowship? Why, do you think?
2. Why are faith and love the products of hope (v 5)? Why must hope exist first?
3. When did you first come to know the hope offered through Christ in the Gospel? Do you have this hope during troubled times, or do you struggle to do so? Trusting the Holy Spirit, share your honest emotion and thought with your group.
4. What does it mean to tell the whole truth about God's grace (v 6)? Conversely, how does one betray grace? Read verses 12-14: What truth about grace do you see?
5. What do you notice and learn about Paul's prayer in terms of intensity? In thankfulness? In clarity? In faithfulness? How does his prayer inspire your own?
6. Read Ephesians 1:2-9. What are the spiritual blessings in Christ? Which of these blessings is most meaningful, that rings most true, for you during this troubled time in our world?
7. What has God's grace meant to you in your life? As the Scripture impacts you, and you realize His grace anew, utterly real and genuine, what is the Holy Spirit showing you? What are you being invited to turn away from, to turn again unto Him - to receive His forgiveness and peace?

### Prayer:

By His grace, you are saved from the counterfeit allure of this world. Ask Him to enliven you in a renewal of this assurance and focus on Christ. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for your great focus on our redemption in Christ alone.