



SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 1:9-14

June 28, 2020

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 1:9-14**. As you can, take turns and read aloud these verses again, this time from a different bible translation.

For starters:

What is one thing you are learning or relearning about God during this period of the quarantine? What is one thing you are learning or relearning about yourself?

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

1. What is a key point or take away that stuck with you from the sermon this past Sunday entitled "Christ in Others." Why did it stick?

Paul gives to the Colossians four points on which to set their focus regarding their faith in Christ and to pray for others: 1) be filled with the knowledge of Christ (v 9); 2) walk in a manner worthy of Christ bearing fruit (v 10); 3) be strengthened in the power of Christ (v 11); 4) give thanks for what God has done in the lives of others in the body of Christ (v 12).

2. At verse 9, what difference would it make for your faith to know someone is praying for you continually to be filled with the knowledge of Christ? What about the other way around -- for you this week to pray continually for another -- that they are filled with the knowledge of Christ? Is there a relationship you have wherein understanding each other has been a challenge, and you can pray in this way and see what God may do? Elaborate.

3. At verse 10, can a person "live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way" without being a follower of the way of Jesus? Why or why not?

How would you respond to a friend or someone that said, "I don't need Jesus or religion, I'm just working on being a better person." How could you pray for a friend or someone during and after such a conversation?

4. What "power" is Paul referring to in verse 11 (see Acts 1:8), and what is this power good for? Have the qualities of endurance and patience been at all necessary to you in the past three months, and if so, how?

5. At verse 12, Paul's fourth point to the followers of Jesus is to give thanks, for the foundation of our faith is not about what we do but instead what God has done for us.

Read aloud again, verses 13-14. How is the Gospel of God's grace impacting you right now?

Prayer:

Give thanks for what Christ has done in your life and the lives of the body of Christ. We worship and thank you, God, for your rescue. You are utterly serious about us knowing your love in Christ. We praise and thank you for bringing us from the dominion of darkness and into your marvelous light, in Jesus' name, amen.