Week 1 – Complete: Colossians Series

Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

Introductory Discussion:

What was "the takeaway" (the most important point) from Sunday's sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Read Colossians 1:1-14

Discussion:

1. Paul hasn't met these believers (2:1), yet he is drawn to them. Why? What qualities of this church would attract you the most?

2. If faith, hope and love are the fruit of the gospel (vv. 5-6), then what does this fruit look like? Feel like? Taste like?

3. What is "God's grace in all its truth" (v. 6)? What aspects of grace do you see in verses 12-14? What aspects do you not understand, for which Paul's prayer (vv. 9-12) applies to you as well?

4. Reading between the lines here (also 2:4, 8, 18), what concerns Paul about the Colossians?

5. How do your prayers for others compare with Paul's intensity, thankfulness, and clarity? Where do you get "stuck" in prayer? What might help you get "unstuck"?

6. In the filed of your life and those you pray for, are the fruits of faith, love and hope being cultivated? How so? Are those fields neglected in drought? How will you tend to those neglected fields this week?

7. Throughout Scripture we find examples of people's prayer requests. We see that here in Colossians 1:9-14. It is helpful in that we can take the content of these prayers and pray them for each other. Using Paul's words have someone in the group pray the prayer of 1:9-14 over your group.

Prayer: Take time to pray together as a group.