

The Agenda

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Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read Colossians 1:9-10. What is implied about Paul's prayer for the Colossians to "be filled" with knowledge?
- What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom? How does this relate to praying Point #1?
- Why is this an important prayer request? What will be the result? How will you apply Point #1 this year?

Point #2

- Read Colossians 1:11. How does Paul's prayer for God's strength relate to endurance, patience, and joy?
- What does this imply about effectively living out the Christian life? How does this relate to praying Point #2?
- What area of Christian living do you find intimidating? Why? How can Point #2 help you overcome it?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Colossians 1:9-10, Ephesians 1:17-23, Philippians 1:9-11

- What is similar about Paul's prayer for the Colossians, Ephesians, and Philippians? Be specific.
- What will happen as a result of this type of prayer? Give an example. Why is this important to remember?
- How does this challenge the way you currently pray? What specific steps will you take to adjust?

TUESDAY // Read Colossians 1:9-10, James 2:14-17

- How does Paul's approach to prayer relate to James 2:14? What does it ultimately reveal?
- Explain the distinction between knowledge and wisdom. Why is this important to understand?
- In what way can Christians overlook this truth? Give an example. How can you protect yourself?

WEDNESDAY // Read Colossians 1:9-10, John 15:1-8

- What does it mean for a Christian to "abide" in Christ? What is the result?
- In what way does Paul's prayer for the Colossians relate to the same thing? Be specific.
- Describe your current level of "abiding" in Christ. Take some time right now to pray Colossians 1:9-10.

THURSDAY // Read Col. 1:11, Romans 15:13, Phil. 4:13, Gal. 3:3, 2 Timothy 1:7, 2 Thess. 1:11

- Why did Paul pray for the Colossians to have strength? What does this imply about human strength?
- What does this also imply about boldly living out the Christian life? Be specific.
- How often do you pray for God's strength? What does this reveal? How will you change this week?

FRIDAY // Read Colossians 1:11, Ephesians 3:14-21, 6:18-20

- How did Paul essentially pray the same way for both the Colossians and the Ephesians?
- In what way did he ask the Ephesians to reciprocate? What does this indicate about Paul's propensities?
- How can you relate to the same propensities? How will you step into Paul's approach for strength?

SATURDAY // Read Colossians 1:11, Acts 16:16-25

- Why do you think Paul includes "with joy" in his prayer for the Colossians and God's strength?
- In what way did Paul and Silas display the answer to this type of prayer while in prison?
- How does this encourage you in your current challenges? Take some time to talk to God about it.

MEDITATION VERSE: *And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God...*

Colossians 1:9-10