



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Colossians: Rescued. Redeemed. Rooted.

Week 2 - Paul's Prayer

QUESTION 1

This week, we continued our sermon series on the book of Colossians by studying Colossians 1:9-14. Please read this inspiring scripture together out loud as a group. **Colossians 1:9-14 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.** Please take a moment for each group member to share what stands out to them from the scripture.

QUESTION 2

This amazing prayer gives us several direct commands and some beautiful theology. It also reminds us of some essential facts about our faith. Near the end of the prayer, Paul explains our spiritual position once we have accepted Christ. He says: **Colossians 1:12 ... the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.** Take some time to process the scripture together as a group. Be sure to talk about what it means to be rescued and redeemed, how the dominion of darkness differs from the kingdom of light. And what it means to know that your sins are forgiven.

QUESTION 3

The first request that Paul makes in this beautiful prayer is something we should all strive to understand. **Colossians 1:9 ... We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.** This verse reminds us of the importance of understanding God's will and also shows one of the ways we discover God's will—through the wisdom and insight the Holy Spirit provides. In the devotional I wrote on the book of Colossians, I mentioned this about God's will: God's will generally refers to what God desires, plans, or intends to happen in the world and for individuals. It encompasses both God's overarching plan for creation and His specific desires for individuals to live in accordance with His character and purposes. In simple terms, it's what God wants. God has a plan, and He wants us to know what it is and to obey Him. Discuss as a group how important you think it is to know God's will. How specific do you believe God's will is? One or two group members, please share a story about a time that you dramatically discovered God's will.

QUESTION 4

I believe verse 10 contains a treasure trove of Christian teaching. This verse teaches us what we should be praying for and striving for in our lives. Please read it out loud and discuss it as a group. **Colossians 1:10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.** Please take some time to discuss the four principles mentioned in this verse. Be sure to include illustrations from your own life.

QUESTION 5

Our last question will focus on verse 11. **Colossians 1:11** states, '**Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience.**' This verse reminds us of something God desires to do — to strengthen us when we need it most. This verse reminds me of something Paul says in the book of Ephesians. **Ephesians 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.** Take some time to discuss your experience with receiving strength from God. Talk about how much you need it and how you position yourself to receive it. Be sure to include examples from your own life about times when God strengthened you.