

The Common Thread

COLOSSIANS: Seeking the Now and Not Yet

Community Group Questions

1. What were your general impressions and takeaways from the COLOSSIANS video shown in this message?
2. How does Paul's prayer in Colossians 1 reveal what he believed were the most important things to daily seek as Christ-followers? How does this compare with what we tend to seek the most as believers today?
3. Read and reflect **Colossians 1:9-14 NIV**—" ⁹For 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, ¹⁰so 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, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."
4. Discuss this quote reflecting on vs. 9: "'To fill you' indicates that there are incremental changes to the measure in which we walk in this knowledge. We may know, but that doesn't necessarily mean we are 'filled' with that knowledge today in the sense of a trusting, even joyful surrender to it."
5. Read **Revelation 12:11 NIV** and then discuss this corresponding quote: "We overcome by Christ's work and by living resulting lives that produce testimonies to it, not clinging to earthly life so much that we aren't willing to lose ours in deference to His."