

Sermon Discussion Guide

Praying with Paul: Week 3

Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

Read

Colossians 1:9-14

Main Ideas

In this passage, Paul prays for the Colossian church to grow in their knowledge of God's will, their ability to "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord", and in their power to endure with joy. This prayer is rooted in who they are and what Christ has done in their lives- that they are delivered from darkness, transferred into the Kingdom of God, and redeemed by the power of the cross.

Discussion Questions

1. As we work our way through this series, what have you noticed about Paul's prayers- content, attitude, passion, etc.?
2. In v. 10, Paul prays that we would walk in a manner worthy of the Lord:
 - a. What does a "worthy walk" look like?
 - b. Do you ever feel unworthy of the love of God?
 - c. How does God respond when we fail to walk in this kind of way?
3. In v. 11, Paul's prayer is for "endurance and patience with joy":
 - a. Is there a part of your life where you are struggling to endure, or feeling impatient towards God?
 - b. Is it easy or difficult for you to balance both struggles and joy? How can we grow in our ability to remain joyful, even when life isn't perfect?
4. What about our identity in Christ do we see in vv. 13-14?
5. What might it look like to pray this prayer of Paul for each other this week?