

Prayer Theme: Colossians 1:9-14

Notes for Leaders:

- Select a night to go through these prayers together as a group. The goal is to spend 45 minutes in prayer - 5 min in the theme verses and about 10 minutes for each section
- A 2 hour small group timeline (suggested) could be: 10 min greeting/talking, 30 min small group questions discussion, 45 min prayer, 35 min accountability
- Introduce the time of prayer as an *opportunity for growing in prayer*. It is not designed only for those who are comfortable, but for those less comfortable to join in and pray out loud with the group.
- Mention the fact that by praying through Scripture, we can have confidence that we are praying God's own heart for us personally and for his Church

Colossians 1:9-14

- Read the passage and spend the first few minutes praying about anything that comes to mind from reading the passage.

Filed with the knowledge of his will (v. 9)

- As a group, read 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 / 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18 / Romans 12:1-2
- Ask God to fill you personally, and your group, with the knowledge of his will for you
- Declare your personal trust in God to carry out his will in your life even when you don't know it, and your commitment to walk in obedience in what you do know (i.e. holiness, prayer, thanksgiving, submission to him)

Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord (v. 10)

- As a group, read Ephesians 4:1-3 / Ephesians 5:15-17 / Colossians 2:6-7
- Ask God for a deeper desire to love and understand his Word to be established in the faith
- Pray for all of Doxa, that we together would seek God's power to obey his Word and walk worthy of our calling in Christ
- Call out to God for discernment in how you use your days, to make the best use of your time for his glory

Increasing in the knowledge of God (v. 10)

- As a group, read Philippians 3:7-11 / John 17:1-3 / 2 Peter 1:2-4
- Praise God for the fact that, by his grace, you can know God through faith in Jesus Christ
- Express your gratitude to God for providing all things needed for life and godliness by his power
- Consider the "surpassing worth of knowing Christ". Ask the Lord to make such a statement (Phil 3:8) true in your own life
- Pray that in the preaching of the Word, many would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus at Doxa

Praise God for the gospel (v. 12-14)

- As a group, read Colossians 1:12-14 / Romans 5:1-11
- Pour out prayers of praise for God's immense love and mercy in saving you
- Use this time to rehearse the gospel together as a group through these prayers of praise

- Focus your attention on the work *God has done* in saving you from your sin, through Jesus
- Pray for specific people, by name, that you desire God to save and declare your willingness to be the one who declares the gospel to them