

## Colossians 1:1-14

### **Intro**

Share about a time where someone/someones have been praying for you.

### **Read Colossians 1:1-14**

Why does Paul thank God for the Colossians?

What does Paul ask God for the Colossians?

Why does Paul not just thank God for what the Colossians have, but also ask God for more?

Do you think it is possible to “live a life worthy of the Lord, and please him in every way”? Why/Why not?

What stops us living lives worthy of the Lord?

What helps us living lives worthy of the Lord?

*Pray these things for each other*

## Colossians 1:15-2:3

### **Intro**

What one word would you use to describe Jesus?

### **Read Colossians 1:15-23**

What do these verses say about who Christ is and what he has done?

How does knowing this help us to “continue in the faith, established and firm” (v23)

### **Read Colossians 1:24-2:3**

What is Paul committed to doing?

Why?

Out of what we have seen in these verses, what about Christ captures you the most?

Why would we want each other to be fully mature in Christ?

*Praise God for Jesus*

*Pray that each other will grow in mature in Christ as we look at Colossians*

## Colossians 2:4-15

### **Intro**

What is the strangest thing you remember from your childhood, that makes you think, "Why do I remember that?"

### **Read Colossians 2:4-15**

What threat is there for the Colossians? What can we piece together from these verses?

What does Paul say we have in Christ? Of this list, what stands out most for you?

Remembering what we have in Christ is vital to not being drawn away. Create a slogan or jingle to help us remember what we have in Christ from these verses ( eg "Do the right thing, put it in the bin" "The burgers are better at Hungry Jacks" "Speeding: Stop it or cop it")

What “fine sounding arguments” (v4) or “hollow and deceptive philosophy” (v8) are around today that might draw us away from Christ and capture us?

What can we remember about Christ to keep us free from these

*Pray that each other will remember what we have in Christ*

## Colossians 2:16-3:4

### **Intro**

What is a silly rule that you have come across?

### **Read Colossians 2:16-19**

What does it seem like the people around the Colossians were doing?

Why?

Why is it useless?

### **Read Colossians 2:20-23**

What does it seem like the Colossians are doing?

Why?

Why is it useless?

## **Read Colossians 3:1-4**

How do these verses help the Colossians not worry about what others think of them (16-19)?

How do these verses help the Colossians actually live godly lives without burdening themselves with rules? (2-23)

How might the reality seen in Colossians 3:1-4 also help us, as Christians today, change the way we think about:

- Others judging us?

- Living godly lives?

*Thank God for the reality of who we are*



## Colossians 3:5-17

### **Intro**

Share a beautiful memory of church community

### **Read Colossians 3:1-4**

What is the Colossians', and our, current reality?

### **Read Colossians 3:5-11**

What do we put to death then? Is there any common theme or themes among these?

### **Read Colossians 3:12-17**

What do we put on? What do these have in common?

What would a community that put these on look like?

## **Private Reflection**

- What are you letting live in your life that needs to be put to death?

- What are you finding hard to put on?

- Pray about those things

How can we help each other put things to death?

How can we help each other put things on?

## Colossians 3:18-4:18

### **Intro**

Share a time where someone has supported you

### **Read Colossians 3:18-4:1**

What do these instructions have in common?

Out of the relationships here that you have experienced, when can it be hard to live out these instructions?

Is there anything from the rest of Colossians that can help us when these are hard?

### **Read Colossians 4:7-18**

What stands out as encouraging from Paul's relationships we read about here?

God's word contains instructions on how we do day-to-day relationships, and records friendships and partnerships. Why does God care about relationships so much that they feature so strongly in his word?

Write a list of Christians who are involved in your life in various ways. Write a sentence or two about how each of them support or encourage you, in a similar vein to Paul in this passage. Read it out to the group if you feel comfortable.

*As a group, thank God for each other and for all the different relationships we have.*