

Harvest

Evangelical Free Church

Join us in being on mission with God!

OUR VISION

To continually mature and grow as a united body of Jesus-imitators who live out God's greatest commandment to "Love" by exalting God and serving one another, and His greatest commission to "Go" by reaching into and shaping our local, regional, and global communities.

Praying for Greater Things

Colossians 1:9-14

Getting Started

After an introductory time, discuss the following questions in your group or class.

What are the typical kinds of things kids pray for? What did you pray for when you were a kid? What kinds of things do you typically pray for now?

Talk about the text:

1. As you read the passage and the content of Paul's prayer, What sticks out to you about what Paul prays about for the Colossian church?

2. What do we learn about Paul's prayer life in this passage? What do we learn about what Paul considers important?

3. Read Romans 12:2. How are we to prove or discern God's will? Write down specific ways that you are regularly pursuing this mind renewal. What are some other ways you might pursue this renewal?

4. Why would Paul pray for these things? What was he praying would happen by the people being filled with the knowledge of God's will?



Colossians 1:9-14

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.¹⁰And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may 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, and joyfully¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints 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.

- 5. What should the knowledge of God’s will cause us to do? Is it okay to just know what to do, and not act accordingly? Read James 1:22-25.

- 6. In this passage Paul describes a circle of spiritual growth for us as believers. What it is? How does this work practically?

- 7. What characteristics does Paul want those he is praying for to display in their lives? What does he mean by fruit?

- 8. What do we receive, according to verse 11, when we are strengthened with all power according to God’s glorious might?

- 9. What would your life look like if God gave you a complete understanding of what He wants you to know and do in your life? How would this help you recognize the opportunities and have the abilities to know and meet His call?

- 12. How would our lives, and the lives of the people we pray for, be different if we prayed for life transformation like this more often?

- 13. How does studying this passage impact the way you pray for your friends, family, children and even yourself?

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