

Session 2: SOLO

Colossians 1 v 9-14—How we grow

Big idea:

Christians are rescued sinners promised an amazing inheritance. Knowing God, and knowing his will, helps us to live in a way that pleases him and keeps us growing.

Guidance for questions:

1. This might be a good question to follow up when you meet up next time.

2. Since the day we heard we have not stopped praying! v9

We continually ask God... v9

Paul says he never stops... so it must be pretty important to him!

3. That they would be filled with the knowledge of God's will.

That they would know how to live the way that God says is best!

4.

- Live a life worthy of God
- Please him in every way
- Bear fruit in every good work
- Grow in in the knowledge of God

You won't stay the same as your knowledge of God's will increases—you'll become more like him, in all you do.

5. It's transforms the way we live, and helps us to live the way that God planned and intended.

6.

Living a life worthy of the Lord and pleasing him means:
v10b (this means the middle of the verse) bearing fruit in every good work
v10c (this means at the end of the verse) growing in the knowledge of God
v11 being strengthened in all power according to his glorious might, having endurance and patience
v12 giving thanks to the Father

7. As I live a life that pleases God, I'll show it by the things I do. I will bear fruit. As an apple tree produces apples for people to see, my Christian life will produce things that show I'm a Christian—my words, actions, care of others, work, sharing of my faith.

As I do these things they will help me get to know God better. God will strengthen me to keep going and that will make me thankful! Because it's all about Jesus.

8. Qualified them (and us) for an amazing inheritance in the kingdom of light. All Christians are promised the inheritance of heaven. We will be with God for all eternity.

9. Rescued us from the dominion of darkness, brought us into the Kingdom of Jesus.

God has dealt with sin and death—they're not going to stop us being with Jesus forever.

10. Redemption and forgiveness of sins. Our sin is forgiven, God has bought us back (see jargon buster)—we can know God as he intended. Paul really emphasises this point! He tells us what we're promised, what we've been rescued from and assures Christians that they are forgiven—Praise God!

QUESTIONS: to ask as you meet to do Session 3 to help check their understanding of Session 2

1. What is Paul always doing for the Colossian Christians? (Praying)

2. What does he want them to have knowledge of? Why? (God's will... as it will help them live the way God says is best.)

3. What does he want to assure them of? (Where they belong as Christians.)