

## *Discussion Questions for Life Groups*

Read Col. 1:1-14, and then review the main points of the sermon outline.

1. **(Introduce yourself)** Read Col. 1:1-2. In addition to your parents, what in your personal background has influenced your journey with God? In considering the factors that influenced your journey with God, how do they compare with the first two verses of Colossians?
  
2. **(Give thanks to God)** Read Col. 1:3-6a with a focus on faith, hope and love. Which of these three virtues has been the most important to this point in your life? Explain.
  
3. **(Gospel's transforming power)** Question from *Experiencing Christ Study Guide*, page 14, My Response: "What are your spiritual goals for the Experiencing Christ studies? Write down three things you desire from your 10-week commitment to experience Christ in your study of Colossians." Please share what you have written in response to that question.
  
4. **(To know his truth)** Most of Colossians is still ahead of us. Since it is unlikely we will please God unless we know what he wants of us, what steps can we take as a group and as individuals to make sure we learn what Colossians has to teach us?
  
5. **(To please him in every way)** Take the following four concepts and divide them randomly among the group: 1) do good works, 2) deepen in knowing God, 3) be strengthened in God's power to endure, 4) give thanks joyfully. Then let each "team" explain why their assigned concept is 'the most important one' (for pleasing God!) compared to the other three. Have fun with that!
  
6. **(God has qualified you)** If you won a prize, you would feel good. If you had two tickets to the Super Bowl, a smile might break out. What about an invitation to the White House to have lunch with the President? Well, Jesus has qualified you to live in heaven with him forever! And it does not depend on whether you feel worthy. What might you say to express your thanks to the Lord?
  
7. **(God has rescued, redeemed and forgiven you)** Consider that Jesus rescued you from eternal death. Remember that he did so by giving his own life to redeem yours. Think about how Jesus forgives you for the sins you have done and those yet to come. How does it feel to live in "the kingdom of the Son he loves" (Col. 1:13)?

## *Enrichment Study for Life Groups*

Ephesians 1            What thanks could ever be enough?

Hebrews 11            We are sons and daughters on a life-journey toward home.

## *Heads-Up for Next Sunday*

**This week is a fresh opportunity to begin the Experiencing Christ Study Guide at Week 2 and to prepare for next weekend's sermon!**

**Experiencing Christ: A Journey through Colossians**

**The Supremacy of Christ            Colossians 1:15-23  
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