

05/01/2022 Colossians 1:9-14

- What stood out to you from this week's message? Why?
- 2. In what ways is faith a process? (It may help to remember the biblical definition of "faith" from last week)
- 3. How have you seen your understanding of or faithfulness to Jesus change?
- 4. Read Colossians 1:9-14. What is the focus of Paul's continued prayers for those who have become faithful to Jesus?
- 5. Why are Paul's prayers so important for a life in Jesus?
- 6. What significance do you think the analogy of "bearing fruit" has for living faithfully to Jesus?
- 7. How does Paul's definition of a life that is pleasing to God in Colossians 1:10-12 compare with the list of the fruit of the spirit in Galatians 5:22-23? How does one passage help you understand the other?
- 8. How is the kingdom of darkness different from the kingdom of the Son? (Romans 6:15-23; Ephesians 2:1-7; 4:17-24)
- 9. Paul talks about discovering God's will, increasing in knowledge of God and being strengthened. How are these things done? How does the desire instant gratification or results undermine these?
- 10. How does being faithful, or as Colossians 1:11 calls it "endurance", help produce the fruit that living this new life in God's kingdom?
- 11. Being faithful and growing in understanding is a process, with many ups-and-downs. Where are you right now in your spiritual journey, do you feel like you're growing in these areas (up), feel stuck, frustrated, or bored in these areas (down)? What indicators in your life cause you to rate yourself that way?