

## STUDY GUIDE

Colossians 1:1-14

"The Power and Joy of Following Jesus"

- 1) In what ways are our physical lives reflective of our spiritual journeys?
- 2) Why is it essential that we pursue spiritual maturity? What could be the effects of not doing so?
- 3) Why is it important that we "*always thank God*"?
- 4) How is our hope in Christ *the source* of our faith in Jesus and love for one another?
- 5) What does it mean to "*walk*" with God? What barriers do we face in doing so?
- 6) What does it mean to "*be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding*"?
- 7) Describe what "*bearing fruit in every good work*" would look like in everyday life.
- 8) Define the two ways God empowers us. How they relate to our circumstances and relationships?
- 9) Describe your own spiritual journey in following Jesus. Where would you say you are today?
- 10) **FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION: Discuss the implications (personally and for the church) of . . .**

*May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:11-14*