



**THIS IS MY BIBLE
PART 6- BLUEPRINTS
COLOSSIANS
LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

GETTING STARTED

1. How would you rate your understanding of what you believe as a Christian? Are you able to defend your beliefs with biblical support? How important do you feel it is for someone to understand what they believe about God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, salvation, the afterlife and the Bible?
2. Discuss ways in which you are striving to learn more about Biblical beliefs and doctrine.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Paul had heard reports of the Colossian church from Epaphras. What did he hear about the Colossian believers that made him so thankful (see 1:3-10)?
2. Colossians 1:15-21 Paul points out several attributes of Jesus that are important for every Christian to understand. List as many attributes as you can from these verses and discuss the meaning and importance of each one.
3. What important next step must we take after receiving God's Word? What is the difference between being a hearer of the Word and a doer of the Word (see 1:22-24)?
4. What false teaching has proved to be a stumbling block for you or someone you love?
5. The church in Colossae was dealing with a mixture of false teachings. The false teachers were mixing Christianity, Jewish legalism and pagan mythology. They taught that faith in Christ wasn't enough. True salvation came through knowledge gained by spiritual enlightenment, Jewish dietary laws, festivals and rituals (2:16). Along with asceticism, astrology, "the worship of angels," and mystical

visions (2:18). Read Colossians chapter 2 together and point out some of those references from Paul. Notice verse 23.

6. How does Paul say we should live as a result of our new life in Christ (see Colossians 3:1-10)?
7. What are some of the traits of a person who is led by the Holy Spirit?
8. What two important disciplines does Paul encourage the believers to be devoted too (see Colossians 4:20)?
9. Paul recognized that Christian life is not lived in a vacuum. Believers interact with non-believers all the time. Paul wanted the Colossians and all followers of Christ to consider how their actions influence those around them. What principles does Paul say should guide the Colossian believers' interactions with unbelievers (see Colossians 3:5-6)?

APPLYING THE MESSAGE

1. Which Christian beliefs or doctrines do you struggle to understand the most?
2. What are some ways you can become more knowledgeable?