
How the Gospel Grows Through Us

Week of November 20, 2016

Colossians 1:3-8

engage it

1. **What religious beliefs and attitudes are most influential in today's culture? Why are these ideas so attractive?**

2. **Do you think most Christians see these beliefs as contrary to the Gospel? Why or why not?**

unpack it

3. **Read Colossians 1:3-8. What words and phrases are used to describe the Gospel?**

4. **What kind of fruit had the Gospel produced in the lives of the Colossians?**

- 5. Paul said he was thanking God for the Colossians because of their faith, love, and hope. Why are these characteristics some of the hallmarks of the Christian faith?**

- 6. What are some practical ways to demonstrate the faith, hope, and love that come as a result of believing the Gospel?**

- 7. How, in our culture today, is the concept of “truth” being challenged? Why is it important for you to believe that some things are absolutely true?**

- 8. Why is that kind of thinking a challenge to the Gospel?**

- 9. Where are some of the environments in which you find yourself where the truth of the Gospel is being challenged? What is God calling you to do to stand for truth in that situation?**

10. How, according to this passage in Colossians, does the gospel continually grow and renew the Christian? How have you seen that dynamic of growth and renewal happening recently in your life?

live it

11. Explain which aspect of the Gospel you are most thankful for?

12. How would you explain God's grace to someone who isn't familiar with God's Word? Who do you know who needs to hear about God's grace today?

13. What needs to change so that your daily choices, speech, and conduct demonstrate the message of the Gospel?