

## Discussion Guide for Colossians 1:1-5

### 1. Read Colossians 1:1-5 and briefly review the sermon outline.

(Outline review target time is five minutes or less.)

What parts of Saturday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear, or troubling?

**2. Truth:** God has done amazing things in our salvation. God wants to use our faith and faithfulness to bring glory to Himself and cause those around us to thank Him.

### Read Ephesians 1:3-16

How does this section begin (1:3) and end (1:16)?

Focusing on 1:3-6, what has God the Father done in our salvation that should result in thanks and praise?

How can we demonstrate clearly that we are holy and blameless in God's view (1:4) so that others will thank God?

How can we demonstrate clearly that we are securely adopted (1:5) so that others will thank God?

Focusing on 1:7-12, what has God the Son done in our salvation that should result in thanks and praise?

How can we demonstrate clearly that we have been forgiven so that others will thank God?

How can we demonstrate clearly that we know the plan of God to unite all things under Christ so that others will thank God?

Focusing on 1:13-14, what has God the Holy Spirit done in our salvation that should result in thanks and praise?

How can we demonstrate clearly that we have the Holy Spirit living in us so that others will thank God?

How can we demonstrate clearly that we have confidence in our heavenly inheritance so that others will thank God?