

## Discussion Guide for Colossians 1:6-9

**1. Read Colossians 1:6-9 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:** Believing the true message about God's grace in the gospel is the foundation of our future hope. The gospel is the only hope for humanity. We are to share the truth of the gospel with others and defend the truth of the gospel from distortion.

### Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

What is the simple message of the gospel?

### Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

What is the nature of these "fortresses" or "strongholds" of darkness that try to block the work of God?

(Physical?, Spiritual?, Intellectual?, Combination?)

What are the potential effects of these strongholds of darkness on the people around us?

How do we combat this darkness?

What is our goal in combating this darkness?

### Read 1 Peter 3:13-16

What are the attitudes that we should have when explaining or defending our Christian beliefs?

What is the central point that we are to defend about our Christian beliefs?