

Opening Question

Can you think of an example where you bought something that involved a major case of overpromising on the part of the seller? How did that experience make you feel?

Read Together

Read through Colossians 1 verses 9 to 14 as a group. Then take some time of quiet and allow everyone to read it again for themselves. Circle any words that stand out to you.

Big Idea

You have no idea what God has planned for you.

Discussion Questions

1. What do you find most striking about what Paul prays for the Colossians in verses 9-12?
2. What words in this passage seem to be repeated or stressed?
3. Paul mentions the knowledge of God's will. Do you feel any responsibility to know God's will and do it? How do we find out what God's will is for us?
4. In our sermon this week, we highlighted how Paul prays for wisdom (v.9), fruit (v.10), power (v.11) and joy (v.11-12). Which of these four qualities does the Church most need today? How about RockPointe?
5. Think of this in a personal sense. If someone were to pray Colossians 1:9-12 over you, what verse would you want them most to focus on? And why?
6. What connection do you see between verses 9-12 and verses 13-14? Why does Paul write verses 13-14 after what he has just written in verses 9-12?
7. Could you pray this prayer for someone? Why or why not?

Challenge

This week commit to praying Colossians 1:9-12 into the life of someone connected to you. It may be a family member or friend or neighbour or co-worker. As you begin to pray for that person, take the time to commit this prayer to memory so you can use it at any time.

Prayer

Take time to pray for the person on your left in reference to how they answered question #5 above.

Next Steps

If you're looking for a good read regarding how to pray like Paul, Jonathan Graf has written an excellent book by that very title – *Praying Like Paul*. In it, you'll learn to pray as Paul did with a look at each of the prayers contained in the letters he wrote.

