

Opening Question

- a. How did you come to know Christ?
- b. What part did truth and reason play in you coming to know Jesus Christ?

Read Together

Colossians 2:1-5.

Big Idea

God wants us to live strong – in truth and in love.

Discussion Questions

1. Paul says he agonizes for the church at Colossae. What do you agonize for in your life, and the life of others? Spend some time praying with each other about those things.
2. Read Col 2:2. Paul's desire is that we are knit together in strong ties of love. Read Romans 12:9-16. How does this inform how we should live? Share with each other how being your small group has aided being knit together – what have you appreciated about the small group?
3. How could your group leverage this love for yourselves into love for your neighbors who don't know Christ, or those who are less fortunate?
4. Read Col 2:2,3. Paul is also desirous that the church group in their knowledge and understanding of Christ. What are the ways that we could do this individually and as a group? What could you/us focus on more?
5. Read Colossians 2:4,8. "The truth is the most valuable thing in the world. Indeed it is so valuable that it is often protected by a bodyguard of lies." - *Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of England during WW2*
6. What are some of the deceptions that we have to watch out for here in Canada?
7. It will not always be comfortable to stand in the face of this – how can we encourage each other to remain faithful to the truth of Jesus Christ, and His word?
8. Read Col 2:5. Paul spent time rejoicing that they were living as they should in Christ. What do you see in others in the group that you rejoice in how you see them growing and becoming more like Christ?

Spend time affirming each other in this.

Prayer

Pray together surrounding these things. How can we hold each other up in prayer?
What do we need to ask God for?

