

Bible Text(s):

Read and observe what the texts says. In the margin write odd won what you learn from the text. Below, write down one or two takeaways.

11 We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, 12 always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. 13 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, 14 who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. 15 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, 16 for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. 17 He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

Colossians 1:11-17 (NLT)

14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. 16 Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. 17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Colossians 3:14-17 (NLT)

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Sermon-Based Discussion



FAITH FORMATION

Your Time Together:

- Connect:** *Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship. Just arrive after a long week of all kind of things. - Ask: Who are you personally?*
- Care:** *Carry each others burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Cry together. Support each other. Pray together. - Ask: How are you doing?*
- Challenge:** *Dive into God's word to learn from each others insight. Encourage and challenge each other to a godly life. - Ask: What is God teaching us today?*
- Clarify:** *Know what's to do next, with the studies text, within the group, and in general. Have a mission for the week. - Ask: How do we apply what we have learned?*
- Celebrate:** *Celebrate life's success and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God. - Ask: What has God done in our life that deserves praise?*

Group discussion & Life challenge

THANK. YOU. JESUS. Through our new sermon series, though short but powerful, pastor Bryce will help us see what a treasure it is to have Jesus in our life.

Thankfulness starts with recognizing what we are thankful for. Pastor Bryce suggested that you read the first chapter of every letter Paul write. This would be 13 chapters. Let start with reading these three passages:

Ephesians 1:3-14 2.Thesalonians 1:3-10 1.Timothy 1:8-12

Having read these passages, what is it that sticks out to you? What did you learn about Jesus? In the space below write down three to four key take-aways what you cherish about Jesus.

Now, stop and pray! Thank Him for who He is and what He has done for you.

A second thing pastor Bryce challenged us with is a thankfulness that is seen and felt by others. More specifically he asked: "What do people say about you? Can people see that you are thankful?"

Write down three instances in the last week that you were actually in a thankful spirit. What were you thankful for?

Share with your groups what you are thankful for.

Thankfulness in hard circumstances is a challenge. Yet, in the sermon we were reminded that even in the hardest times we can be thankful if we focus on Jesus. When you look back on that time, when things got very tough or sad, how did Jesus step in and help you *in the midst* of the situation?

Remember, when Paul wrote this letter he was most likely in a prison in Rome. Read today's Bible text again: **Colossians 1:11-17** (see last page). Circle the words that express what Paul was thankful for in the middle of this tough circumstance. What is the one thing from the text that you want to hold onto as a "spiritual gold nugget"? Write it down.

This Sunday's sermon had us look at Jesus as the source of our thankfulness. As you go into this week, once a day, make it a point to stop for five minutes and thank God. Thank him for whatever comes to your mind in that moment.

Additional Thoughts