

**Grace Point Church of Northwest Arkansas**  
***Communitas Groups Discovery Bible Study***  
**Week of October 29, 2017**

**FIRST THIRD: LOOK BACK**

**1. Care**

- Share any personal highlights or lowlights from the time since you last met.
- Pray for one another in a way that works for your group (divide by gender or divide into groups of two or three).

**2. Worship God together** in a simple and relevant way.

Practice praying together. Take time to review last week's discussion and what the group talked about from **Colossians 1:3-14**. Read the passage again if it would help.

See if people can break apart the different parts of prayer and pray that for one another. For an example: on the phrase "*that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will...*"

❖ Is there anyone in the group needing God's direction on a matter? Pray for each other. Work through the rest of Paul's prayer and see how you can pray for each other.

Ask questions for accountability.

• **Following:** (*Moving the Bible into action.*) How did you obey the lesson from last time? What was your big takeaway? Did anyone complete Bret's challenge to read through the book of Colossians during the week?

• **Fishing** (*Encouraging group members to share what they learned in group study as they form groups of believers and/or unbelievers anywhere and everywhere*):

- Did you pray with someone in need?
- Did you share a Bible study, your story, or Jesus' story?
- Did you mention what God is doing in your life?

**3. Cast vision**

• Take a few moments to cast vision for reaching people who don't have a relationship with Jesus and for making disciples.

• Ask each person to identify one person they know – a neighbor, a co-worker, a family member – who does not follow Jesus. Share the first names of these people, write them down, and covenant to pray daily for those on the list.

• Pray for people you know who are far from God (*identify an unreached people group from around the world at [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net) and take a few moments to educate your group on this day's people group.*

**SECOND THIRD: LOOK UP**

**4. Before reading this week's passage, ask your group to:**

- Listen for what the passage **teaches us about God** and/or Jesus;
- Listen for what it **teaches us about people**.

**Read Colossians 1:19-24**

**5. Read the passage again from a different translation.**

**6. Ask your group:**

- What does the passage **teach us about God** and/or Jesus?
- What does it **teach us about people**?
- What **questions** does this passage bring to mind?
- What do the text and the Holy Spirit **tell us to DO**?

**9. Without looking at the text, have a volunteer to retell the passage in his or her own words, allowing others helping fill the gaps as needed.**

**Think SPACE:**

- Is there a **Sin** to confess?
- Is there a **Promise** to claim?
- Is there an **Attitude** to change?
- Is there a **Command** to obey?
- Is there an **Example** to follow?

### **FINAL THIRD: LOOK FORWARD**

Set personal goals and pray. Ask...

- What do you need to do this week to obey what you've learned?
- With whom could you share this passage, your story, or the gospel story?