

Grace Point Church of Northwest Arkansas
Communitas Groups Discovery Bible Study
Week of November 5, 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 1:19-24**. Read the passage again if it would help.

Take some time to reflect on the word Reconciliation after you read v. 20 and 22. Pray for a fracture relationship you might have that needs both sides to reconcile.

- ❖ Is there anyone in the group needing God's direction on a matter?

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 and take a few moments to educate your group on this day's people group.*

SECOND THIRD: LOOK UP

5. 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**.
6. **Read Colossians 1:24-2:5**
7. Read the passage again from a different translation.
8. 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?