



## INTRODUCTION: Col 1:9-11

Paul continues his prayer for the Colossians, asking that they might live a pleasing life to the Lord. In order to do so they must bear fruit, increase in knowledge and endure with joy.

## INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?

## REVIEW

- Have someone read **Col 1.9-11**
- How is the phrase bearing fruit connected to the creation story?
- In what way is the gospel more than the announcement of the forgiveness of sins?
- Why do we need divine power to endure?

## APPLICATION

- Why do you think bearing fruit pleases the Lord? Where do you see God blessing you with increasing fruitfulness?
- Why do you think growing in knowledge of God pleases the Lord? Are you growing in you knowledge of the Lord? How so? How has that impacted you?
- When do you feel strengthen with God's power?
- Do you endure difficult circumstances with joy? Do you forbear with difficult people with joy? Why or why not?
- Why does endurance and patience please the Lord?

## PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?