



## Colossians: Week 1 – The Impact of the Gospel

Every Jesus follower has a before and after story about how the gospel changed them, and one of the most powerful things we can do is share our story with other people. When the gospel takes root in someone's life and begins to bear fruit, it not only changes the person, it can change a family, a company, and in the case of Colossians, an entire city.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Briefly share your before and after story. Who were you before Jesus and how did the gospel change your life? If you became a Jesus follower as a child, then share how the gospel has shaped your life.
2. Read **Colossians 1:1-14**
3. In **verses 1-2**, Paul mentions his role of apostle. Why do you think he does this?
4. According to **verses 6-8**, what is the impact of the gospel on the Colossian believers? What are some ways you've seen the gospel bear fruit in your own life and/or in the lives of others?
5. Paul says they learned this gospel from Epaphras. The gospel is transferred from one person to another. Is there anyone in your life God is calling you to be an "Epaphras" to?
6. In **verses 9-10**, how does the knowledge of God's will contribute to our spiritual growth?
7. In **verses 11**, Paul prays for them to be strengthened with God's power. How does God's power work in our lives? Describe a time where you felt like you were strengthened with God's power. What was the result?
8. In **verses 13-14**, Paul lists 4 things that are true of those who are in Christ. What are they and why are they significant? How should we live our lives as a result of these truths?
9. What was your biggest takeaway from the message/passage?