

Small Group Discussion Guide

Theme: Rooted and Rescued

Passage: Colossians 1:9–14; 2:6–7; 3:12–17

Opening

- Share about a time you were caught off guard and had to speak, lead, or act when you didn't feel prepared. How did it go?
 - In your own faith journey, do you tend to be more of a “planner” or an “in-the-moment responder”?
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Read Together

Colossians 1:9–14 (and optionally Colossians 2:6–7; 3:12–17)

Discussion Part 1 — Rooted in God's Wisdom

Paul prays that the Colossian believers will be:

- Filled with the knowledge of God's will
- Living lives worthy of the Lord
- Bearing fruit in every good work
- Growing in the knowledge of God
- Strengthened with His power for endurance and patience

Questions:

1. Why do you think Paul focuses first on *being rooted in wisdom* rather than just telling the church to “do more”?
 2. Which of Paul's prayer requests in verses 9–11 stands out to you most right now, and why?
 3. How can we tell if our serving is leading to fruit, not just activity?
 4. What helps you personally grow in the *knowledge of God*? What obstacles make it difficult?
 5. Endurance and patience often grow in seasons of difficulty. Can you think of a time when God's strength carried you through a weary season?
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Discussion Part 2 — Rejoicing in God's Rescue

Paul reminds them:

- They are qualified to share in God's inheritance
- They have been rescued from darkness
- They have redemption and forgiveness in Christ

Questions:

1. The miners rescued from the collapsed mine described the feeling as "euphoria." When you think about your own salvation, does that feeling still feel fresh? Why or why not?
 2. What happens when we let the wonder of our rescue "grow old" in our hearts?
 3. How can we practically "rejoice in our rescue" in everyday life, not just during worship services?
 4. Looking at Colossians 3:12–17, which characteristic (compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, love, peace, gratitude) do you most need the Spirit's help to grow in?
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Application & Practice

- **Community:** What role can your small group play in helping each other grow in spiritual maturity this season?
 - **Scripture:** Choose one passage in Colossians to memorize or meditate on this week.
 - **Thankfulness:** Each day this week, write down one reason you can rejoice in your rescue.
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Prayer Time

- Pray for each other to be filled with the knowledge of God's will.
- Pray for endurance, patience, and spiritual fruit in your group's lives.
- Thank God together for His rescue and the joy of belonging to His kingdom.