

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Colossians 1:3-12

Review

- Share one thing that has encouraged you in recent weeks.
- Picture yourself as one of the Colossian Christians. What one thing would you hope this letter from the Apostle Paul will explain or answer?
- How does it make you feel when a friend encourages you or tells you that they are praying for you?

Remind

- What *three* graces does Paul see in the Colossians and gives thanks to God for them (v.4-5)? See also 1 Corinthians 13:13.
- Where is the Gospel “bearing fruit” (v.6)?
- What was Epaphras' role in the Colossian church (v.7)?
- How often does Paul pray for the Colossian church (v.9)?

Respond

- What examples of faith, love and hope have you seen in a group of Christians?
- How might spiritual wisdom and understanding help us to understand God's will (v.9)?
From what less helpful sources do we try to find knowledge of God's will?
- What characteristics of the Colossians do you see developing in your life and/or in Goldstone church?
- You could end by reading / memorising Colossians 1:3
“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people.”