



## INTRODUCTION: Col 1:1-8

Imprisoned Paul writes a letter to unknown saints at Colossae. As he begins, we learn how the gospel created this church through a church planter named Epaphras and how the gospel was spreading throughout the world.

## 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 1.1-8**
- What did you learn about the church at Colossae?
- What is an apostle? What is a saint? Why do you think we use the word "saint" differently than the way the Bible uses it?
- Why is it significant that the core of Christianity is good news, not good advice?
- Why does Paul refer to the gospel as the "word of truth?"
- What is the difference between the gospel and the fruit of the gospel?

## APPLICATION

- How would you answer the question "don't all religions basically teach the same things?"
- What is unique about Christianity?
- What implication does the title of saint bring?
- In what way is the gospel bearing fruit in your life?
- In what way are you a slave to God?
- What are your thoughts about HBC planting Lovettsville Baptist Church? How can you support this gospel work?

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

- Pray for Lovettsville Baptist Church. Pray that God would bring together a core team.
- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?