

SERMON GUIDE

REACH

Colossians 1:1-29

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you
- A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayers that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: What's something that you're passionate about? What does that look like?

Note About the Passage: Colossae was a city that as far as we know, Paul never visited. This letter gives us a window into Paul's heart for the world and for places he would never get to see himself.

Read Colossians 1:1-29

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** Paul ends this part of his letter saying: "For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."
- O** Looking at the rest of chapter one:
 - What motivated Paul's passion for ministry?
 - o What is true about Jesus?
 - o What is Jesus doing?
 - o What is true about the church as a result?
 - What kinds of things did Paul pray for (v.9-14)?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Now consider your own motivation for participating in the church and in ministry. Do you share Paul's passion and vision? Does Paul's example convict, challenge, comfort or inspire you?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.