

Standing Firm Discussion Guide
The Path to Fruitfulness - Lesson 2
(September 15, 2024)

This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

Opening Discussion: Who have you prayed for that you haven't personally met?

Dive Deeper:

1. Read Colossians 1:9-14. Why did Paul pray for the Colossians' knowledge of God's will, spiritual wisdom, and understanding? How do the world and our culture wage war against our scriptural understanding of God?
2. Read John 3:16, Romans 10:13, and 1 Timothy 2:4. Who can receive the knowledge of God? According to Colossians 1:10, what is the result of knowing God personally and understanding His will? In what specific ways have you seen good fruit growing and maturing in your life?
3. Read Romans 8:29-30, 12:2, Micah 6:8, Proverbs 3:5-6, Luke 9:23-24, and discuss God's will. How does the knowledge of God's will encourage you to change the way you work, play, speak, spend your time and money, make decisions, etc? In what areas of God's will do you struggle and why?
4. According to Colossians 1:9-14, how does Paul's prayer specifically teach us to pray? Share with your group how this prayer may enhance your prayer time and produce good fruit. This week, make it a practice to read through this scripture, inserting your name and the individual you are praying for.
5. Read Colossian 1:12-14, and discuss the benefits God gives to those who live in the light of Jesus' death and resurrection. How does Paul contrast our condition before and after we have become a Christian? How can meditating on these verses help us appreciate and focus on ALL that the Lord has done for you?
6. Spend time as a group listing things for which you are grateful to God. Now, with grateful hearts, enjoy a time of praise by reading Psalm 57:9-11, 1 Samuel 2:1-2, Isaiah 25:1, Hebrews 13:15, Psalm 150:6, Psalm 145:3, and Revelation 4:9-11. What words of praise spoke to you? How can you incorporate more moments of praise to the Lord into your life?

Application: How will you apply Sunday's message and this discussion to your life?