



Growth group questions
No greater hope: Pleasing God
(Colossians 1:9-14)

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at:
<http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

1. Read v.9. Paul has “not stopped praying” for these Christians in Colosse, though he has never met them in person. How often do we pray for people who aren’t part of our day to day lives? Why / why not?
2. How does God reveal His Will to you? Do you stop and ask him to ‘fill you’ with such knowledge?
3. Briefly read the account of Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42). Who do you relate to more?
4. Read verse 10a. Do you sometimes feel you need to *give something back* to God or *earn* His approval? How is living to ‘give credit to the grace of God’ different?
5. Read verse 10b. Can you think of times where you have stepped out in faith or trusted God and your faith / understanding of God has grown?
6. Read v11. Have there been particular times when God has strengthened you or given you increased endurance or patience? Why might God be pleased to do this? How does it bring Him glory?
7. What mentioned in verses 11-14 are you most thankful for?
8. Has your experience of Christianity been one of increased freedom or burden? What might other people think from looking at our lives?

Pray for one another in your group (and those further away) that they might know God’s will, strength, endurance, patience and freedom to live as children of God.



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Colossians 1:9 – Help to keep going

Filling us with the knowledge of His will.

1:10a “Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord”

1:10b “bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God”

1:12 “joyfully giving thanks”

A virtuous Circle

1:13/14 Liberated from slavery

1:11 “being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might”

Luke 15:31 – “You are always with me, and everything I have is yours”

Conversation starter:

What does it mean for us to be successful/faithful as Christians?