**F.A.C. Small Group Questions**

**September 22. 2019**

**Opening Question**

Can you think of an example of something you bought or a place you visited that involved a major case of overpromising on the part of the seller? How did that experience make you feel?

**Read Together**

Read through Colossians 1 verses 9 to 14 as a group. Then take some time of quiet and allow everyone to read it again for themselves having everyone circle or note any words that stand out to them. Take a moment to share those.

**Big Idea**

You have no idea what God has planned for you.

**Discussion Questions**

1. What do you find most striking about what Paul prays for the Colossians in verses 9-12?

2. What words in this passage seem to be repeated or stressed? (You may have already answered this above as you discussed what words stood out.)

3. Paul mentions the knowledge of God’s will. Do you feel any responsibility to know God’s will and do it? How do we find out what God’s will is for us?

4. In our sermon this week, we highlighted how Paul prays for wisdom (v.9), fruit (v.10), power (v.11) and joy (v.11-12). Which of these four qualities does the Church most need today? How about F.A.C.?

5. Think of this in a personal sense. If someone were to pray Colossians 1:9-12 over you, what verse would you want them most to focus on? And why?

6. What connection do you see between verses 9-12 and verses 13-14? Why does Paul write verses 13-14 after what he has just written in verses 9-12?

7. Could you pray this prayer for someone? Why or why not?

**Challenge**

This week commit to praying Colossians 1:9-12 into the life of someone connected to you (family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc…).

Write this prayer on an index card or sticky note and carry it with you. As you review it several time, commit this prayer to memory so you can use it at any time.

**Prayer**

If your group is comfortable with this, take time for each person to pray for the person on your left in reference to how they answered question #5 above.