



This study is intended to give a broad overview of Colossians

BEFORE THE STUDY

Read the whole of Colossians (why not try it in one sitting!) and try and answer the following questions

- 1. Do you think Paul has visited the Colossians before? Why / why not?**
- 2. Do you think Paul is correcting the Colossians or encouraging them? Why?**
- 3. What do you think is at the centre of what the Apostle Paul is trying to teach the Colossians and us?**
- 4. What does Colossians teach us about Jesus?**
- 5. What does Colossians teach us about us?**
- 6. What are the big application points that Paul gives us?**

DURING THE STUDY

Read Colossians 1.15-23

1. What do we learn about Jesus in these verses?
2. What do we learn about us in these verses?
3. How are these verses central to the good news about Jesus?

Read Colossians 1.9-14

4. What does an authentic Christian life look like?

<i>What does God do for us?</i>	<i>How do we respond?</i>

Read Colossians 2.6-8 and 2.13-15 and 2:20-23

5. How does death and life help us to understand how to follow Jesus?
6. What are some examples of “hollow and deceptive philosophies”?
7. How does the good news about Jesus help us counter them?

Read Colossians 3.12-17

8. What do these verses teach us about living a Christian life?
9. How can we demonstrate this in our churches?

Read Colossians 3.18-4.1

10. How do the instructions to these groups of people demonstrate the truths that we have already learned in Colossians?
11. Which of these do you find the hardest? (these might be some good things to pray for each other when you've finished discussing this)