

# CHURCH RENEWAL LAB - SCRIPTURE READING GUIDE...QUARTER 2

## “Ephesians and Colossians”

The **Church Renewal Lab** is a comprehensive church renewal project addressing the culture and missional strategy of local congregations as they seek to become intentional missional congregations that make more and better disciples who transform lives and communities for Christ. The CRL's two-year renewal journey provides multiple tools that assist churches in becoming vibrant missional faith communities that are epicenters of God's redeeming love.

### Week 1: Paul reveals God's grace for all

- Day 1: Eph 1:1-14 Q: How does knowledge of the sovereignty of God and our being chosen by God effect our listening?
- Day 2: Eph 1:15-23 Q: How can prayer shape a community?
- Day 3: Eph 2:1-10 Q: How does the knowledge of God's grace shape our congregation's mission?
- Day 4: Eph 2:11-22 Q: How should Paul's words in Eph 2:13 shape our view of those outside our church?
- Day 5: Eph 3:1-13 Q: Paul's humility in Eph 3:8 drives his ministry...how can we develop a similar humility?

### Week 2: God's power within us and our response

- Day 1: Eph 3:14-21 Q: Who is the power behind the church?
- Day 2: Eph 4:1-16 Q: How can we develop a church that is unified in vision and mission?
- Day 3: Eph 4:17-5:20 Q: Do our actions as a church match that we speak to be true?
- Day 4: Eph 5:21-6:9 Q: As the bride of Christ how can we as the church serve God?
- Day 5: Eph 6:10-24 Q: How can we in the church train soldiers and equip them with the Armor of God?

### Week 3: Life in Christ revealed

- Day 1: Col 1:1-14 Q: Paul explains the power of the gospel in Col 1:6...how can we help those in our church and outside our church come to understand the gospel?
- Day 2: Col 1:15-23 Q: How does Christ being the head of the church shape the way we pray?
- Day 3: Col 1:24-2:5 Q: How can we develop a joy to serve the church similar to that of Paul?
- Day 4: Col 2:6-15 Q: How can we continue to live our lives in Christ Jesus, and how can we help others do the same?
- Day 5: Col 2:16-23 Q: Are there places in which we have been caught up in being too legalistic?

### Week 4: Further instructions on a life in Christ

- Day 1: Col 3:1-11 Q: Are there things in the life of the church that need repenting?
- Day 2: Col 3:12-17 Q: Is there forgiveness and grace that needs to be offered to those in our church?
- Day 3: Col 3:18-4:1 Q: How can we center ourselves to serve the Lord alone?
- Day 4: Col 4:2-6 Q: How does prayer shape our interactions with those around us?
- Day 5: Col 4:7-18 Q: Paul ends with a command to complete the ministry of the Lord...How can we keep this same mission in front of us?

### Final questions:

- What did I learn about the meaning of abiding in Christ while reading the books of Ephesians and Colossians?
- What Holy Spirit inspired thoughts came to me while reading that I should share with the Renewal Lab team?

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