Setting the Stage - Colossae (v.1-2)

We heard the ____________ ____________ that you heard the ____________ ____________. (v.3-5)

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Seed Planting 101

1. It is a _______________ set of _______________. (v.5)
   
   2 Timothy 1:13-14

2. It must be ________________ by another. (v.6-7)
   
   1 Thessalonians 2:13

3. It must be both _______________ and ________________. (v.6)
   
   Matthew 13:18-19

4. It is a message of ________________. (v.6)
   
   Ephesians 2:8-9

5. You know that it's growing if there's ________________. (v.6,8)
HEARING AND DOING

Each week this section will provide next steps for going deeper with the sermon material, as well as preparing for discussion in your Grow Group. Bring this sheet with you to your group meeting.

Read Colossians 1:1-8

1. Verse 5 speaks of hearing “the word of the truth, the gospel”. Many people grow up believing “almost true” gospels - several parts true, but enough falsehood to keep them from fully understanding the grace of God. Below, try to write three “almost true” gospels -- things people believe about God that might actually keep them away from God.

(1)

(2)

(3)

2. Verse 6 speaks of the gospel “bearing fruit and growing”. Try to come up with 9 “flavors” of this fruit in a Christian’s life. (If you need help, try Galatians 5:22-23 or Romans 5:1-5)

(1) ....................................... (4) .................................. (7) ..................................
(2) ....................................... (5) .................................. (8) ..................................
(3) ....................................... (6) .................................. (9) ..................................

3. Verse 4 says that “love for the saints” is strong evidence that the seed of the gospel has taken root. Rate yourself on the quality of this fruit in your life, specifically toward fellow Christians.

Rotten (1) ................................................. Ripe (5) ................................................... Juicy (10)

What part of loving fellow Christians do you find the most difficult?

4. Epaphras knew the gospel well enough to teach it to the Colossians. How well equipped do you feel at communicating the gospel to others? Below, check the main barriers that stand in the way.

Terrified (1) ............................................. Unsure (5) .................................................. Ready (10)

☐ Don’t know anyone who doesn’t know Christ.  ☐ Don’t know the Bible well enough.
☐ Don’t know how to start the conversation.  ☐ Don’t know how to share the Gospel.
☐ Afraid of what will happen.  ☐ Afraid my life will contradict what I say.
☐ Don’t have time.  ☐ ________________________________
☐ Unsure if I could answer their questions.