

ROOTED: Introduction
Colossians 1:1-2

Take a few minutes to have each group member share about their Christmas and New Years.

What did you enjoy about Christmas? Where there any challenges or discouragement?

Did you make any New Year's resolutions? What are your thoughts about and expectations for 2018?

This Sunday we started a new series on Colossians

Have you ever read or studied Colossians before? If so, do you remember anything about it?

Read Colossians 1:1-2. This introduction shows that the letter was written to a particular people in a particular place. The people to whom it was written were "saints." This term refers to all Christians and has the idea of people who are set apart for God and His purposes.

Which do you spend more time thinking and praying about: (i) how to have God do for you what you want done or (ii) that you are here to do what God wants done?

What are some practical ways that we can daily remind ourselves that our ultimate purpose and role is to do the work that God has for us?

The people who received this letter were living in a particular culture and their purpose was to impact that culture.

Do you think most Christians impact their culture and the people around them; withdraw from their culture or the people around them; or become indistinguishable from the people and culture around them?

If non-christians around you were to describe you, do you think they would say you had withdrawn from the culture and non-christians around you; become indistinguishable from the culture and non-christians around you; or impacted the culture and non-christians around you?