

## **House Church Gathering Discussion Questions**

Sunday November 23
"Gratitude that Grows from the Greatness of Christ"

**Scripture:** Colossians 1:11-20

"Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible... all things have been created through him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church... so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things... by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."

**Summary:** Thanksgiving is one of the most beautiful rhythms of our year. Families gather, tables overflow, and for a few hours we slow down enough to say, "Thank you." But, if we're honest, gratitude can be fragile. It rises and falls with how the week is going, how full our plates are, or how life turns out. Paul's letter to the Colossians gives us something deeper — a gratitude that doesn't depend on how life feels, but on who Christ is. Here, Paul reminds us: Thankfulness grows not from comfort, but from Christ.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Where have you recently experienced God strengthening you in a situation you didn't choose or couldn't control?
- 2. How does recognizing God's strength—even in hardship—change the way you practice gratitude?
- 3. Why do you think remembering our salvation is essential for cultivating lasting gratitude?
- 4. How might your daily attitude change if you began each day remembering you are already forgiven, rescued, and brought into His Kingdom?