

Colossians

A letter from then to now

LEADER'S GUIDE

I am so excited that you have chosen to study the book of Colossians with me. I pray that it will be eye-opening, rich, transformational, and that it will ultimately point you and your group to facets of God that you have never seen. This document contains all of the necessary information to be able to lead this study well. That said, you know your people and your group, so feel free to adapt any of the suggestions to best suit your experience.



OVERVIEW

This study on Colossians might be a little different than studies you have done in the past. The intention behind the simplified “homework” is to encourage women to read, process and study Colossians on their own. The Discussion Card Set is intended to accompany the study and to encourage Scripture memorization with beautiful art. A suggested timeframe for a group setting is below:

Welcome and Discussion (30-40 minutes)

This time is intended to get to know one another, catch up on the week, and then discuss the first section of Colossians that will be studied. Women should read the passages that will be taught that week, on their own before arriving. Encourage women to circle and underline, write out questions and observations. It works well when women read or use a variety of translations. This allows for great discussion and a new perspective on what Paul was trying to say. There are no discussion questions provided for this time, just space to talk about what each person thought/learned/observed/wondered about the passage.

Teaching (20-35 minutes)

The teaching will be via DVD or video file. Each teaching will focus on reading through the designated verses of that session using the New Living Translation. Encourage women to follow along in their Bibles.

Discussion (30 minutes)

This time is intended to process the teaching and help bring out different topics that were covered. The discussion questions for this portion are included in each of the Discussion Card sets.

TEACHINGS

Below are the time lengths for each of the teachings, so you can best plan your schedule each week.

- session one: 38 minutes
- session two: 19 minutes
- session three: 24 minutes
- session four: 29 minutes
- session five: 34 minutes
- session six: 22 minutes