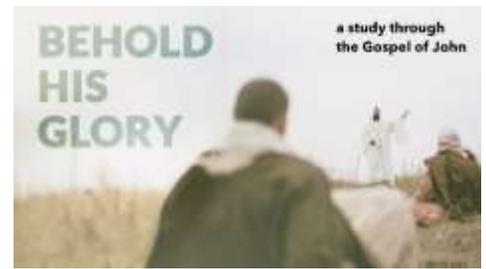


Pastor Dave's Message

November 19, 2017



Passage: Colossians 1:9-14

Main Point: We must encourage and pray for one another for the fulfillment of God's purposes in our lives.

Case Study:

Valuable members of your congregation are moving away. The church will be different without them. In relation to Dave and Fran Cass, what lessons have you learned from them? What roles did they fill that we will now be responsible for? How can we pray for them in this new chapter of life?

The Word:

1. What are some instances in Scripture where the Lord is pleased by people's faith? (1:10)
2. How has God qualified His people to share in the inheritance of His saints? (1:12)
3. What is redemption? How has God rescued us from the dominion of darkness? (1:13)

The World:

1. What is the world's perception of redemption opposed to the Biblical definition? (1:14)
2. In verse 9, Paul is specifically addressing believers (particularly Colossians). Why is it impossible to include non-believers in the type of prayer Paul is praying? (1:9-12)
3. Some say I am spiritual, but not a Christian. Contrast this type of spirituality with life in the Spirit, as described in the Bible. (1:9)

The Application:

1. In what ways can we pray for each other? (1:9-12)
2. How can we encourage each other today so that you might strengthen each other day to day?
3. How can we fill voids left in our church when valuable members depart? How are you currently serving?

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.