

# deeply rooted | radically changed

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## Discovering Life IN Christ Community Group Discussion Guide

### Possible Openers:

- Why is it valuable to read an entire book of the Bible?
- Please read the passage together.
- What was something that was helpful, eye-opening, or difficult to understand from the message on Sunday?

### Seeing the big picture:

- What tone did you hear as you listened to Colossians? (angry, happy, commending, correcting, etc)
- If you want to take the time, it would be valuable to read Ephesians straight through and then ask people to list all the similarities between Ephesians and Colossians.
- Below is a list of thoughts Paul shares to the church about being In Christ. Read through them again and then answer the following questions.

### Discovering Life In Christ!

#### Deeply Rooted – how well do you know Christ?

- Deep hold of the deity of Christ - Reverence and submission to Christ as preeminent
- Deep appreciation for the saving work of Christ.
- Deep commitment to know and live by God's Word.
- Deep commitment to Prayer – dependence on Christ

#### Radically Changed (in every part of life) – how has He changed you?

- Radical Thanksgiving to Christ in all things
  - Radical removal of the remnants of the old man
  - including anger and it's results and sexual sins and their roots
  - Radical love for the saints. – Unity
  - Radical desire to proclaim the gospel.
  - Radical life of worship. Bring Christ glory in all things.
  - Radical forgiveness.
  - Radical and risky discipleship. – servant leadership
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- Why do you think both being rooted and changed are essential parts of living life IN Christ?
  - What happens if you have one and not the other?
  - Find at least one verse in Colossians for each of these.

- List the one that is most convicting to you for your life.
- Paul is writing this to a church. Therefore, how is our church doing at these 11 items? For each one, what is something we do as a church that supports living In Christ in that item? What are some ideas that Village could do for each item to help people be In Christ?
- How could you help a fellow believer in each of these things?
- Philemon puts into practice what Paul teaches in Colossians. Go through Philemon and see if you find evidence of any of these eleven themes.
- Why are these things vital for discipleship relationships? Which one is the most critical?
- Can you give an example of how you were disciplined in some of these areas, or someone that set you a good example?

### Takeaway:

- What do you want to apply from this passage?