

**Series: Rich and Full**  
**Small Group Meeting Plan #2**  
**Sermon Title: “ A Gut for God” Text: Colossians 1:11-23**  
**January 15, 2012**

**Open in Prayer**

**Fellowship Questions and Options:**

- Have the group reflect on the affirmations they received last week.
- Describe something you built or created and what it was like to create it.

**Reading of the text:** Colossians 1:11-23 (Have the group take turns reading 2 verses at a time, allow people to pass if needed)

**Study questions for the Sermon and Text:** (choose as needed)

Read Proverbs 8:22-36. What connects everything? What do you think “wisdom” means?

Read Colossians 1:11-14. Pastor Thompson says Paul is praying for these young believers to develop a “gut for God”. What does this mean?

Read Colossians 1:15-20. Given that the Colossian Christians were tempted to listen to many voices for reassurance, what is the apostle’s strategy in citing this hymn? (What hymn means a lot to you when you slip into worry?)

Why and how does Christ have “authority”? How does this get expressed in your faith? How is his authority contested in your life? What other “authorities” are vying for influence?

Talk about Dallas Willard’s statement, “Jesus Christ is the smartest man ever to live.” (Do you believe he knows your job better than you do?)

Why is “reconciliation” a “living room” word? (As opposed to “justification” which is a courtroom word, or “redeemed” is a market place word). Why does Paul use this word to describe what took place on the cross?

Read v. 23. What does it mean to you to “continue securely established and steadfast in the faith...”?

**The Challenge:**

To be people who speak of their salvation as a daily event.

**Prayer Options:** (choose as needed for your group)

- Pray for ways to be more affirming to those who we live with daily
- Pray for those who are looking for work.
- Pray for those who are Homeless.

**Mission encouragement for the winter**

Ask the group what they would like to do for service to the community in the next 4-8 weeks. To be a servant is to grow at being a disciple.

**Leader notes:**

- Have your group take time to read through the whole letter to the Colossians individually sometime this week.
- If you group has lots of questions about the text make a list and send it to Pastor Steve and we will find a time to meet with your group to answer your questions
- See if your group can take more people for the Lenten series that starts in 7 weeks.