messageNOTES

POWER UP

Initial Evaluation

Colossians 1:1-8

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1. **We are to** engage **people with the gospel (v. 7).**

2. **We are to** establish **people in the faith (vv. 3-5).**

   faith in Christ:

   love for all the brothers and sisters:

   hope for the future:

3. **We are to** equip **people for service (vv. 5c, 6).**

   constantly bearing fruit:

   constantly growing:

4. **We are to** expand **the disciple making (vv. 1-8).**

taking it home

{ notes for small group, family & personal study

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1 keeping it real

Suppose you have been unjustly sent to prison. The only way to communicate with your family and friends is to write letters. As you take the pen in hand, what are the first three things you want to write about? Why?

2 look at the book

Paul's letters typically begin with a doctrinal section followed by a section on how the teaching just presented looks in daily life. Do a swift survey of the whole letter:

- Identify the major break between the two sections.
- Identify the primary theme of the letter (1:13-20; 2:9-15; 3:15-4:1).
- How would you describe your battle in living out this theme on a daily basis?

3 the next step

The guy mentioned in Colossians 1:7 was obviously concerned about *expanding* the gospel and *establishing* believers in the truth (4:12-13). Who was it that brought the good news of Jesus Christ to you? Who are the ones who had the greatest impact in regards to helping you become grounded in the truth (2:6-7)?

- Is it time to write a note of gratitude to them?
- With whom are you seeking to share the good news?
- Who are you helping to establish in the faith?

my next step this week is to:

- ❍ Seek to engage someone concerning Jesus.
- ❍ Daily seek to live in Jesus' power.
- ❍ Develop a "spiritual work-out" plan for myself.
- ❍ Other _____