

God in the Midst of Current Events
Colossians 1:9–20

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- What are some ways you access the news (e.g., newspapers, TV, internet, magazines, etc.)? What do you do when you feel overwhelmed by the stories you see or read?
- *Read Colossians 1:9–20.* What are the major themes in both Paul's prayer and his professions about Christ?
- Given what you might know about the myriad challenges the Colossian Christians faced as they followed Jesus, how do you envision them receiving Paul's words? What would be encouraging and what might be convicting?
- How does Paul's prayer for the Colossian believers compare to your own prayers? What aspects of Paul's prayer might you emulate?
- What is the relationship between Jesus and the rulers and powers present in our world today? How should this guide all our political views and actions?
- If Jesus is "the head of the body, the church" (1:18), how is Christ present wherever we hear of violence, war, disease, or disasters? How then are we to relate to those involved?
- How will being filled with the knowledge of God's will through all wisdom and spiritual understanding (1:9) affect the way we view and respond to current events in our world? What will be the result (1:10–12)?
- What is most challenging about finding God in the midst of current events? How do Paul's words help you? How will this study impact your prayers and actions this week? How can your small group or others support and pray for you?