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## **Essential Jesus for Unsettled Days – Back to Basics Prayer**

### **Colossians 1:9-14**

**Summary: In a culture of shortcuts and life hacks, Scripture confronts us with a time tested slow path to maturity that offers no shortcuts but promises transformation. Colossians begins with two of the basics of our faith: Thanks and Prayer.**

**Scripture: Luke 11:5-13, 15:11-32; Hebrews 12:5-10; James 1:5, 1:17; 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:12; Philippians 4:8; John 16:24; 2 Corinthians 10:3-4; Isaiah 40:29-31; Psalms 103:13-14; Proverbs 1:22; Romans 2:4, 7:15; Matthew 4:10**

### **Community Group Questions**

#### **Pattern of Prayer**

- “Our job is to pray...it’s God’s job to do whatever He wants to do.”
- “We are to pray with audacity.” (Luke 11:5-13)

#### **Ask for Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding**

- “Wisdom is not earned or learned; it is a gift.” (James 1:5)
- “We are not praying to become the best version of ourselves. We’re praying to be part of The Kingdom.”
- When desiring wisdom, why is it important to consider the reality of spiritual darkness? How do we combat spiritual darkness?

#### **Walk Worthy**

- “Celebrate the steps and forget the fall.”
- “His will is better than mine.”
- “Why is it important to see ourselves as God sees us?” (Psalm 103:13-14)
- “You can tap into the power that runs the universe.” (Isaiah 40:29-31)
- What does it mean to wait on the Lord?

#### **Kingdom Identity**

- “If you know who you are, you’ll know what to do.”
- “Inside all of us is the seed of evil.”
- “The only thing the enemy has now is deception.”