

# Key References:

## Colossians 2:6-15 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

#### 1 - Walking

What does it mean to walk with Jesus? What did Mark mean by saying "we need to walk with Jesus in the same way that we were saved by Jesus"?

Read Colossians 2:6-7. There are four key words in this section about our walk with Jesus; rooted, built-up, established & abounding. **How would you use these four words to describe how a Christian walks with Jesus? Can you see these truths in your own journey?** 

Mark said the by-product of walking with Jesus is this "abounding in thanksgiving." Why is that? Do you feel that you're thankful?

#### 2 - Watching

The enemy has lost the battle against our salvation, but we can still get caught up in his schemes. What four things things is scripture warning against in Colossians 2:8? How did Mark describe each one and what is a modern day equivalent?

How can a Christian be taken captive or kidnapped with these things? Have you had to encounter any of these things in your walk?

## 3 - Knowing who you are in Christ

Read Colossians 2:9-15 which describes who we are in Christ. **There are** six significant truths in here. Talk about how impactful each one is, they can be found in: 1) v9-10, 2) v11, 3) v12a, 4) 12b, 5) v13a, 6) v13b?

What happens to a Christian that doesn't live in these truths? How does sin play mind games against these truths with us?

How can we battle to live in the truth of the victory that Jesus has won and put to death ongoing sin in our lives? How does the true power that vanquished sin and death live within in each Christian?

## 4 - Nailing it to the cross

Read Colossians 2:14-15. Mark invited people to symbolically nail things they still struggle with so the cross. What did you find significant about this? Did you nail anything to the cross? Without needing to be specific how do you feel about those things now?