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Paul's Letter to the Colossians

Introduction:

The city of Colossae

The founding of the Colossian church (*Acts 19:10*)

The letter to the Colossians

Written by Paul

From Prison

Carried by Tychicus

The threat to the Colossian Church

Special Knowledge

Fascination with Spirit Beings

Denial of Direct Creation

Legalism and Asceticism

Questions for Group Discussion

1. What is the best way to continue to be faithful to God in the face of the onslaught of philosophies that are present in our world?
2. Why do so many people seek special knowledge through different experiences, etc.? Why do people want this special knowledge? Is it a desire for control, pride, or position?
3. How is the modern fascination with spiritual beings demonstrated in people's lives today? What are the results of this fascination? How does it enslave people?
4. How did the Lord Jesus Christ free us from the power of spirit beings? Where can we see this in the Bible?
5. How does the belief in Jesus as Creator affect his or her life?
6. How can we deal with the sinful habits in our lives? How does recognizing who Jesus is and getting to know him better help us in our struggle against sin?
7. How do we know that spirituality is not the same as following a list of man-made rules? What does it mean when Paul wrote, "Therefore do not let anyone judge you..." (Col. 2:16)?