**LifeGroup Study**

**YOU’RE RICHER THAN YOU THINK**

**Your Unclaimed Inheritance**

**2022-04-24**

**Participant Notes**

**OVERVIEW:**

Welcome our series, You’re Richer Than You Think. This series is a walk through the book of Colossians. This week will look at Colossians 1:1-14. In Colossians Paul twice refers to the Gospel as something that brings us glorious riches. This “rich” life is what the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus has brought us. Christianity is about living out this abundant life that Jesus has made available to us right here and now and on into eternity. Our goal in this series is that we would tap into the gloriously rich life to be found in Christ.

**ICEBREAKER:** My Treasure

What do you have in your home that you treasure? Maybe it’s a family heirloom passed down through the generations. Perhaps it’s a special gift you were given by someone you love. Maybe it’s that souvenir you brought back from that once-in-a-lifetime trip. **Share your treasure story with the group!**

**STUDY:**

1. On Sunday, we began our new series, You’re Richer Than You Think. Reflect back on what Pete said about the riches we have in Christ. What was a highlight for you from his teaching?

**READ: Colossians 1:1-14**

Let’s work our way back through these verses and talk about some of the themes we find there that speak to the riches we have in Christ.

1. One summary of this first part of Paul’s letter is it’s focus on *thanksgiving* – thanks to God for the riches we have in Him. **Look back through these verses and identify these thanksgiving themes.**
2. Why is giving thanks such an important habit for a Christ-follower to develop? **How might you grow your habit of thanking God?**
3. A second theme we find that shows the riches we have in Christ is that of *hope*. **What does Paul say in these verses about the hope we have in Christ?**
4. *Hope* is one of the amazing treasures we have in Christ. **How might you grow your appreciation of this treasure?**
5. Another theme we see in these verses is that of the *Good News* (Gospel). **Why is the Good News so important to our understanding of the riches we have in Christ?**
6. Our appreciation of what Jesus has done for us is something that can grow more precious through our life. **What has helped you treasure the Good News?**
7. Prayer is another essential key to knowing the riches we have in Christ. Read back through Paul’s prayer in vs. 9-14. **What do you notice about what Paul prays for?**
8. The Apostle Paul gives us an important example of prayer, to pray for the spiritual growth of our family, friends and LifeGroup members. **How might Paul’s prayer guide the focus of your prayers?**

**COLOSSIANS DEVOS:**

Each week of this series we’ll have 5 devotionals for you to read on your own.

Read the devos this week and notice how this habit enriches your walk with Jesus!

<https://www.creeksidechurch.ca/richer-than-you-think/>

**PRAYER**

This week let’s pray for our Global Outreach partner, Impact Ecuador.

* Pastors Fabian and Grace, our ministry partners in Quito, will be in Canada in May-June! Please pray for those planning their time with us, and that we will have a great time of getting updated on ministry in Carmen Bajo. Read about this ministry here <https://www.creeksidechurch.ca/carmenbajo/>
* We will be celebrating 15 years of partnership in Ecuador with a Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Sat June 11 - pray for the provision of funding for the next stage of ministry in Carmen Bajo post-pandemic through this event.