

Growth Group Homework

October 16th, 2011

Sermon Title: In Christ Alone
Sermon Text: Colossians 1:1-14
Preacher: Rod Bender

Take a few minutes to review the sermon outline from Sunday. Then answer the following questions, looking up Scripture verses where noted. Feel free to refer to other verses you may know that address the issue being considered.

Getting to Know You

1. Share about a time in your life when you felt truly loved by another person (*e.g. brotherly, not romantically loved*). What did this person do that made you feel that way?

Digging Deeper

2. Why is our future hope so certain as Christians? What is the object of our hope? Who secures our hope? (1 Peter 1:3; Rom. 6:5; 1 Cor. 15:21; Phil. 3:10-11)
3. How do we become "*filled with spiritual wisdom and understanding*"? (Prov. 1:7; Ezra 7:10; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

4. Why is it so important that we are constantly growing in our faith?

Making it Personal

5. What *fruit* do you see as evidence of transformation *by Christ* in your life? What difference do you notice between your life before and after Christ?
6. In what ways have you been taking *practical steps* towards being "*filled with spiritual wisdom and understanding*" since you began attending Mountain Stream Church? What should be your next step?
7. How is the GOSPEL bearing fruit at Mountain Stream Church in your opinion? What part, if any, do you play in this fruit bearing process at our church (last question for reflection only)?