

## TALKING POINTS

"The meat of the Word isn't knowledge. It isn't information. It's application. I would rather know 4 or 5 basic Truths of the Bible and really live those out than to know 1000s of things and apply nothing." -Pastor Dan

### Leaning In and Living It Out

#### **Read Colossians 2:2-7**

*God wants our souls to be encouraged, as it gives us hope, energy and confidence.*  
Right now, in your life, are you encouraged? Why or why not? What are you grateful for? Go around the group and name things, one at a time for at least 5 minutes.

*There are two ways to gain encouragement in our walk with Jesus - to be knit together in love and to have confidence understanding God's plan which is Jesus Himself.*  
Are you actively encouraging others? Why is this important?

*God wants us "rooted" - built up in Him, established in the faith with hearts of gratitude and thanksgiving for what He has done.*  
Is the gospel something that just got you 'saved' or is it driving your life? Discuss.

*Pastor Dan says, "God does not move us beyond the Gospel; he moves us more deeply into the gospel."*  
What does it mean to "lean deeper" into the Gospel?

### Dig Deeper (Optional)

What was the nature of the "great conflict" Paul had for the Colossians and Laodiceans?

The greek word Paul uses for encouraged is paraklein. How does understanding this word in greek illuminate what type of encouragement he means?

Paul was concerned about the unity and steadfastness of the Colossians. What did Paul imply the foundations of this unity and steadfastness would be?