

## Growing Older & Wiser Bible Study II: Wisdom Hunt – Colossians 2:1-10

### Opening Questions:

- 1) Do you think people would still chase after what someone else promises to be better if they were convinced that what they have is already the best? Why or why not?

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- 2) What's your initial reaction to hearing that your current relationship with God can be deeper, fuller and more complete than it already is?

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- 3) What do you think you would need to nurture in order to make sure that the relationship grows?

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### Going Deep:

1. Modern Christians have a tendency to look back on Christians from long ago and assume that they didn't have to deal with the challenges of competing philosophies and belief systems. What, if anything, in today's lesson leads you to believe that the Colossians and Laodiceans have been exposed to some competing philosophies and belief systems?

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2. In verses 6-8, Paul gives some advice concerning how to resist the different traditions and philosophies that are causing difficulties within the churches at Colosse and Laodicea. Which pieces of Paul's advice have you used to resist human traditions, philosophies and/or belief systems that conflict with your Christian belief system?

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3. Imagine that you are a class leader or mentor for another believer who is struggling to reconcile their Christian belief system with other philosophies that they've been exposed to. What real life example could you provide to show how deepening their commitment to what God reveals through Jesus Christ will provide the knowledge and wisdom they need to live good and right lives that honor God?

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4. How do you maintain your commitment to your belief in Jesus Christ and the restored relationships that your commitment creates when you live in a culture that discourages anyone from suggesting that any belief system is better than any other?

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