

# SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 9/29/13

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## *Messy Me and the Hope of the Gospel* Colossians 1:13-23

**Purpose of SG:** to foster in its members the biblical values of worship (God), discipleship (church), and outreach (lost).

**2013 Annual Focus:** Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

**Announcements:** (1) "Serve" sign ups, (2) Men's Retreat 10/4-6, (3) Evangelism Champion.

### **SG Discussion Questions:**

*Focus: Helping the church cling to the hope that is ours even in the darkest days.*

Read Colossians 1:13-23.

Describe a time when you look into the mirror of God's word and realized what was staring back didn't look anything like Jesus. A time when the weight and reality of your sin was almost too heavy for you to bear.

(13-14) What practical hope could these verses bring to you when you are discouraged and dispondent over your sin?

(15-20) How does this Christ centered hymn help you see Jesus more clearly? As you "behold Christ"(2 Cor 3:18) what do you find exceedingly beautiful, transforming, and hope producing?

How could being re-introduced (over and over) to the Good and Mighty King help you face your daily struggles?

(21-22) How should this gospel (rescue, redemption, reconciliation) bring hope to your daily life? What does it really mean to live reconciled in a sinful world?

(23) If there is no real hope outside of Jesus--then how do we help one another remain stable, steadfast, and not shifting from our hope!