

## Colossians 1a

### Discussion Guide

#### Pre-discussion Question

Imagine you discover in an ancient rainforest an isolated culture that has had no contact with modern people. How would you describe Yeshua to them?

#### RSR: Read, Summarize, React

*Read:* Read through the passage silently or together or listen to it.

*Summarize:* Using your own words, summarize the passage. In this passage, what are the *one or two main ideas or goals* Paul is trying to express or accomplish, either directly or through example?

*React:*

**Likes:** Ideas/phrases you particularly like

**Questions:** Ideas/phrases that confuse you or bring up questions

**Connections:** Does this passage remind you of another Bible passage or story or something in the culture or in your own life?

**Applications:** What life principles do you see here? How can you apply this chapter to your own life? How can we apply this chapter to life in the Body of Messiah?

#### Specific Questions

1. How do you imagine it impacts a young church to 1) receive a personal letter from Paul and 2) to hear he and others are continuously praying for you, and 3) to hear that the gospel is bearing fruit everywhere (vs. 6)?
2. How would you describe Paul's first main topic after his initial greetings, starting in verse 13? Why should this topic be given priority in Paul's letter? How does the content of this section differ from what you might think to express to the Colossians?
3. Which aspect of Paul's description of the Messiah is most fascinating to you? Which aspect is most difficult to comprehend?