

Hey Life Groups,

Happy New Year...can you believe we're into another year? I'm so excited to let you know that our winter series will kick off on 1/11/09 and we'll be in the book of Colossians. This is a great letter written to a devoted small church of seemingly insignificant status. Paul chooses them to bring some specific pro-active teaching against potential errors in theology. Paul's passion for believes to experience the fullness of Christ while avoiding the pitfalls of heresy and bondage are evident in this work.

We will be covering this book during our morning services and working this series in tandem with the new Night Church service beginning on the 11th. Please be praying for this service to be evangelistic to the community. Pray for those providing leadership as the enemy does not want them to succeed. It's exciting to think of the potential we have at embracing multi-cultures within our church family.

On a practical issue, in this weeks question I encouraged groups to write letters to Jesus. This is a very special thing to do. I've personally done this approximately four different times. Each time I forgot that I had written the letter only to be blown away at how God answered the prayer request written almost a year earlier. As Group leaders you can provide paper, pens and envelopes. The members can write the letters asking for specific things for the Lord to do in the New Year and then seal them in the envelopes. You can store the letters in a safe place and mark your calendars for next December. (Mark where you put them) and next December mail them back and watch the surprises. Some of the people will have moved, or stopped coming to group. It's OK...they'll love getting the letters.

Have a great New Year and will see you soon.

Blessings, Pastor Glen