

## Seventh meeting on Colossians: MATURITY PROMOTED AND PROTECTED

- **Pray.** Give thanks for God's grace and for His work in the lives of your Life Group members. Give thanks for God's Word. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach and lead your Life Group; and ask the Holy Spirit that – through the members of the Life Group – everybody will be built up in this meeting.
- **Read** Colossians 2:6 – 2:19 Tip/suggestion: Always do the Bible reading **twice**. And always read it a bit slow, since it contains so much.
- Pay some attention to the **structure** of the text. Do you see how the passage is structured?
- Pay some attention to the **meaning** of each part of the text; do you understand why it is there / how would you summarize each part in your own words? (In this you can also pay attention to questions concerning what is not clear or difficult in the text. If you do not get it clear, do not spend too much time in this, but rather go to what is clear to you).
- Stories / practises / experiences diminishing the sight on the Gospel – have you seen situations where this happened? How should you deal with this?
- Read the passage again. Take some time to be silent. Have a conversation round; each one shares what sentence/word has special meaning to you. Also share why this has special meaning to you.
- End with prayer and thanksgiving. A way you can do this is that every person prays for another person and for things he/she just mentioned.