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Life can throw some crazy things our way:

We tend to respond in one of two ways:

_____ - adding to the message of the gospel

Trusting in " _____ " - placing our security in worldly powers

But the message of the Gospel brings complete confidence:

Why am I a Christian?

Why would I ever want to be a Christian?

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The following questions can be used for Small Group discussions or for personal reflection:

1. Take some time this week to read through Colossians slowly, several times. It's a short letter and shouldn't take long in each sitting. Note anything that stands out to you.
2. How prominent is Christ in Paul's letter to the Colossians? Why is this so important? If you want to study this further, make a list of all the references to Christ in Colossians. Next, group them together under various headings. What does this teach you about Christ?
3. What other major themes do you see in Colossians?
4. Read Colossians 1:1-14, paying close attention to Paul's prayer for the Colossian believers. Do your prayers sound similar to Paul's? Should they?
5. In verse 6, Paul states that the gospel "bears fruit" around the world, and also in the Colossians. How is the gospel bearing fruit in you?
6. What does it mean to "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord" (verse 10)? What does this look like in your life?
7. Examine your beliefs about Jesus for a moment. Are you adding anything, as discussed under the topic of "syncretism?"
8. Are you trusting in something besides Jesus? What things in your life tempt you to place your trust in them instead?
9. Read through verses 1-14 again, slowly. Make these words your prayer, for yourself, and for Parkview
10. For further study, read and discuss the following Scriptures (used in today's message): Colossians 1:1-14; Acts 19.