

# Year in Review

It's always good to stop and look back over a year and discuss how we've seen God working in our lives, what we've been challenged by, and what we're struggling with.

## Knowledge, Fruit and Strength

Let's take a look first at **Colossians 1:9-14**.

1. Paul starts this section with "For this reason". Scanning back over the start of the letter, what is the reason?

2. What does he ask for the Colossians in his prayers? (v.9)

3. Paul then goes on to list all the reasons he's praying this for them. From verses 10-12, what is Paul hoping for in the lives of the Colossians?

4. What is the foundation of Paul's thanksgiving? (vv.13-14)

Using these three elements raised in Colossians (growing in knowledge, bearing fruit, being strengthened), think back to what we've looked at in **Proverbs , Daniel & Luke** this year.

5. According to **Proverbs**, what is the BEGINNING of real knowledge and wisdom?

6. How has 'the fear of the Lord' shaped your own thoughts, actions and priorities this year?

7. In what ways can you see those in your group or those at church have been bearing fruit as a result of this knowledge and understanding? (Are there specific ways you've been encouraged by your group?)



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8. **Daniel** tells the story of God's people in difficult circumstances. Read Dan 3:16-18 as an example. How has God's Word strengthened you to endure and be patient in difficult circumstances this year?

9. In Daniel 7:13-14 there was a dramatic vision of a new Kingdom. Who are its subjects, and who is given sovereignty?

11. We have met this "Son of Man" again in **Luke's gospel** – and he constantly tells people that the Kingdom of God is very near! It comes, however, in a most surprising way. From Luke 9 v22 and v 44, what must happen to the Son of Man first?

12. From Luke 9v15 and 21, and 11v28, what will subjects of the Kingdom specifically do? Has this been the case in your group this year?

Spend some time praying for each other, giving thanks to the Father who has bought us with the blood of His Son, and given us His Spirit so we may live as citizens of the Kingdom of His Son.

**Thank your Leaders for their hard work through the year, and celebrate!**

### **Growth Groups 08**

Growth Groups are an essential part of the life of mpc, and we'd love you to be part of one again next year. Each year we dissolve our groups at the end of the year, and start new groups at the beginning of February. It's great for the health of our church to encourage people to try a new group, rather than locking in to a long term "clique," though it's always a painful process to change. Our goal is that at least half of every group changes over each year. If you've only been in a group for one year and your leaders plan to continue leading in 2008, you may prefer to stay on board for another year – but if you've been in your group for longer, maybe it's time to take the challenge! Check out the sign-up boards in mid-January.