2026 Vision Week Message-Based Curriculum Guide
Text: Colossians 1:9-23
Opening

- Begin with a **brief welcome and prayer** to set the tone for the group time.
- **Introduce the theme**: We don't drift into faithfulness—we drift away from it. Stability comes from being rooted in a bigger vision of Jesus.
- **Big Idea:** We don't need to try harder; we need to see Jesus more clearly.

Discussion Questions
CONNECT

- Think about the start of a new year. Why do moments of motivation often fade so quickly once real life resumes?
- Have you ever confused a powerful/significant moment with lasting change? What happened?

DISCOVER
Read Colossians 1:9-14 together

- What is Paul's prayer for this church before he challenges them?
- What are the outcomes described in vv. 10-11?
    - Which of these do you long for most in your own life?
- Why do you think Paul starts with prayer instead of correction?
- How is this vision of spiritual growth different than hype, adrenaline, or religious busyness?

Read Colossians 1:15-20 together

- Why does Paul spend so much time magnifying Jesus rather than giving practical instructions?
- Read vv. 17 again: What are you currently trying to "hold together" on your own instead of trusting that Jesus is holding it together?

Read Colossians 2:6-7 together

- Why does Paul say that we are to be built up and strengthened in "just as you received Christ?"

APPLY

- What would it look like for your faith this year to be marked by depth, not just activity?

GROUP PRAYER

This week, we are going to tie our prayer requests to what we've been talking about:

Pray together for:
- Freedom from the drift that naturally tends to happen in our relationship with Jesus
- A clearer vision of Jesus
- Deep roots that lead to lasting fruit
- Hearts of steady faithfulness, not obsession with perfection.

CLOSING
- This week, consider praying Colossians 1:9-14 for yourself or your family.
- Write Colossians 2:6-7 and place it somewhere visible to help you remember that Jesus is the One who holds all things together.