



Sermon  
Discussion  
Guide

Sunday, May 17, 2026

# GOOD WORK

## God Grows the Work

### Read/Reflect

1. Read Colossians 1:1-14. What is the reason (vs.3-8) that “we have not stopped praying for you” (vs.9)?
2. What is being described in verses 9-14? What aspects or phrases of the description stand out to you?
3. What are the results (verses 10-12) of being filled “with the knowledge of his will ...” (vs.9)?

### Explore

4. As we celebrate 40 years of New Life Church, where have we seen this passage lived out in our church family and its ministry?
5. How can we discern whether our ministry is flowing from God’s wisdom and the Spirit’s understanding (vs.9b) rather than just human effort? Why is important in the success of the church?
6. Looking back over four decades, what “good work” has God done in us, not just through us?
7. What good work that can bear the fruit of the gospel might God be inviting you into right now?
8. What might this passage say to a church marking an anniversary—not just about the past, but about the future?

### Pray

- Pray the scripture passage of Colossians 1--that the church would be filled with the knowledge of God’s will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.
- Ask God to help New Life Church continue bearing fruit in every good work, and for the grace to remain humble and dependent on the Holy Spirit.