

PULPIT DRIVEN DISCIPLESHIP

CARRYING DISCIPLESHIP HOME AND BEYOND



Colossians 1:24-29 DAILY STUDY

- Pray: Ask the Lord to reveal His intention for the text
- Read the passage
- Think about Pastor Bill's "Big Idea"
- Who would God have you share this study this week?
- Reach out to others to discuss this together

SERMON OUTLINE

- Proclamation and Progress (verses 25-28)
- Pain and People (verses 24, 29)

**BIG IDEA: GROWTH IN
GRACE IS GROUNDED
IN THE POWERFUL
PROCLAMATION OF
THE GOSPEL AND
MAGNIFIED IN THE
CONTEXT OF PAIN.**

DISCUSS

1. Where are the places that the Gospel is being proclaimed to you on a regular basis?
2. What is the connection between proclamation and progress in this passage?
3. Is Paul saying that Christ's sufferings were not enough? Why or why not? What is he saying about his sufferings and those of Christ?
4. How do you see growth in the grace magnified in the context of pain?
5. How has/should this passage help you to grow in your praise of Christ?
6. How has/should this passage help lead you to repentance in Christ?
7. How has/should this passage help lead you to live differently for Christ?



NON-BELIEVERS OR NEW BELIEVERS

- If Jesus Christ suffered, we can expect that Christians will suffer too. Jesus said we should count the cost before we decide to follow him. Have you considered that following him will not always be easy?
- Does God ever seem distant or unknowable, or like a mystery to you? Do you know that he is not hiding himself from you? Quite the opposite: he wants you to know him. In fact, he has made himself fully known in his Son Jesus Christ. Everything you have ever wanted to know or need to know about God can be found in Jesus Christ.
- One of the greatest blessings of knowing God in Jesus Christ is having Christ dwell within you by his Holy Spirit! (verse 27) Would you pray to have Christ's presence and love fill your heart? And do you know that when he comes to live within us, he also guarantees our resurrection, and our future hope of living forever. Can you think of anything better than that?!
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- **If you want to connect with our student ministries, contact Student Ministry Director Jimmy (jimmyl@fpcrome.org)**
- **If you have any questions or are looking for a group to lead or a group to join please contact Rob Davis (robd@fpcrome.org)**

Adapting Discussion Questions

The "Discuss" questions are designed to be general for many age groups and believers in various parts of their walk with Christ. Here are some ideas of ways to adapt these questions to make them applicable to the group God is calling you to learn with.

YOUNG CHILDREN

- Talk with your children about what a mystery is. Perhaps they know a story where the reader finds out important information towards the end of the story. Perhaps you could play the board game, Clue, to talk about the meaning of mystery. Perhaps you could talk about keeping a gift secret until it is time to open the gift.
 - Col.1:26 talks of the mystery that is now revealed, which is the Jesus Christ came to save Jews and Gentiles (everybody).
 - Discuss this amazing truth of Jesus being the Savior of all peoples of the world.
- What does it mean that Christ is in us (Col.1:27)?
 - Talk with your children about the difference Christ's presence in us has made in your life. Make sure to talk about how we don't have to live our lives on our own power, but God's power.
 - Make sure to connect Christ's presence in us with Col.1:24 and the idea of rejoicing in sufferings or when things are tough.
 - Read these passages for further study: John 15:1-11, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:9-11, Ephesians 1:18-20.

STUDENTS

- Read / Review Colossians 1:1-2:6. Reflect on verse 1:24
 - Why does Paul rejoice in his sufferings? For who does he suffer? We are told to rejoice in our sufferings (1 Pet 4:12-19). Can you say that you rejoice in your sufferings? Why or why not?
 - Why does Paul expect his suffering to help the church? (Reference 2 Cor 12:9-10 for further study)
 - Why does Paul call the church "the body" (Col 1:24)? What imagery do you think he is trying bring about? (Reference Col 1:15-23 for further study)
 - How does Paul define his vocation? What is his primary duty (1:25)? Should this be our duty as well?
 - In what ways can you be a minister in your everyday life? How do we proclaim the gospel through our actions?
 - How has the "mystery" been revealed? (Col 1:26) Read Luke 24:13-27.
 - How is the "word of God" and the mystery of Jesus revealed to the two men on the road to Emmaus?
 - How can you join God in revealing His mystery to other people? What can you do tomorrow and throughout the week that would help other people understand the mystery of Christ?
 - Read Acts 15:1-35. In light of this, what is so significant about what Paul says in Colossians 1:27?

Passages for further study:

Romans 7:4-6,8:9-11 and John 17:20-21