

PULPIT DRIVEN DISCIPLESHIP

CARRYING DISCIPLESHIP HOME AND BEYOND



Colossians 2:1-7

DAILY STUDY

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

DISCUSS

1. Paul struggled with all his God-given energy to see the Colossians grow and mature in Christ. Over the years, who have been the people God has most used to struggle for you and your faith? And who are you, at the moment, spiritually exerting yourself for?
2. Have you received Christ Jesus as Lord? If so, when was the last time you told someone your testimony of how you came to know Christ, the difference he has made in your life, and the many blessings you have because of your relationship with Christ? Share with your group, or with your family, or with a non-believer!
3. What does Paul mean in saying we are rooted and built up in Christ?
4. What are some ways you are being strengthened (or need to be strengthened) in your understanding of the Christian faith?
5. What does it mean to be overflowing with thanksgiving?
6. How can you more intentionally cultivate thankfulness?

**BIG IDEA: HAVING RECEIVED CHRIST,
WE NOW CONTINUE TO LIVE, GROW,
AND FLOURISH IN CHRIST**

SERMON OUTLINE

- Introduction
- Context (2:1-5)
- Continue to Live in Him (2:6-7)
 - The Forest -- "rooted in him"
 - The City -- "built up in him"
 - The School -- "strengthened in the faith"
 - The River -- "overflowing with thankfulness"



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

1. Talk about what it means to receive a gift. Do we earn gifts? What does it mean to receive Christ (2:6)?
2. Talk about what it means to walk in Christ (2:6). The NIRV translates it this way, "keep on living your lives in Him". Make sure to talk about how our faith in Christ is to be lived out day by day.
3. What does it mean to be rooted and established in Christ? Go outside and find a tree and show your children its roots. Talk about how roots support a tree and how Christ in us provides us the power to live.
 - a. For further study read John 15:1-11.

STUDENTS

1. Why does Paul want the Colossians and the Laodiceans to know "how great a struggle" he has endured (Col 2:1)?
2. In what way do Paul's struggles strengthen his message?
3. What is Paul's wish and prayer for the people the letter is addressed to in verse 2?
4. We often misplace our values by focusing on treasures that are not of God. How do you need to reprioritize your values to center them on Christ – to place your treasure in what He offers (2:3)?
5. Reread Colossians 1:24-2:3. What does Paul say so that the Colossians and Laodiceans will not be misled (Col 2:4)? Why does he say it?
6. Why is Paul rejoicing (2:5)?
7. Does having "firm faith" have to do with our ability to achieve something, or with God's ability to work through us? Think about this in light of what Paul says throughout Colossians 1:15-23 about Christ's role in the world.
8. What does Paul ask us to do in Colossians 2:6?
9. In whom should we be "rooted" (2:7)? How can we be "built up"? What are some implications of being "rooted" and "built up"?

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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)**

NON-BELIEVERS OR NEW BELIEVERS

- Christ has offered you the free gift of salvation, but have you "opened the gift" by "receiving Christ Jesus as Lord" (verse 6)? If you are ready to do so, then confess, repent, and turn from your sin, and then turn instead to Christ, fully trusting Him for your salvation, and receiving His mercy and forgiveness. I would LOVE to talk with you further about all of this!
- If you have just begun your Christian journey ("walk"), what are some ways you can continue to grow? God will provide you his grace, but what steps can you proactively take?
- God is concerned that "no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments" (verse 4). To better understand the Christian faith or be more confident and unshakeable in your faith, would you be willing to read/watch/listen to biblically solid believers giving a defense for the Christian faith? We call this apologetics. We would be happy to offer some good suggestions for resources.
- Would you like to be overflowing with thanksgiving (verse 7)?
- In some ways, this comes naturally as we are rooted in vital union with Christ, but this can also be cultivated. How can you be more intentional about developing an attitude of gratitude?