

The Heart of the Matter

12. To what degree is Paul's stated purpose in verse 28 a reality in your life? What areas of spiritual maturity do you still need to grow in your walk with Christ?

13. What people in your life can see Christ in you as you live your life? Family? Coworkers? Friends? Strangers? What group should see Christ in you the most? Which group needs to see Christ in you all the more?

14. How has finding Christ been like finding long-lost buried treasure for you?

15. What have you suffered for following Christ over the years? Have you been able to count it all joy along the way?



Life Group Study Guide

Life On Mission Colossians 1:24-29 For the Week of December 30, 2018

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. What is the most difficult time that you have ever been through? What made it so hard? What did you do to get past it?

3. What memories do you have as a child hunting for "buried treasure" or games of "hide-and-seek"? Describe how you felt when you found something or someone?



Digging Deeper

4. In verse 24 how is it that Paul is able to rejoice in his sufferings? (James 1:2-4; Matthew 5:10-12; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

5. In verse 24 what does Paul mean when he says “I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church?”

6. In what sense are Paul’s sufferings a continuation of Jesus’ suffering?

7. How was Paul making the Word of God fully known in all of his missionary activities?

8. What is so meaningful for us about the “mystery” of the Gospel as Paul describes it in verse 27?

9. What are some of our responsibilities as believers that Paul outlines for us in verse 28?

10. According to verse 28 what should be the ultimate goal of every Christ-centered ministry?

11. What might our work for Christ’s sake look like according to verse 29? What might serving Christ cost us in the short term? What do we stand to gain in the end?