

Series: Rich and Full
Small Group Meeting Plan #3
Sermon Title: “Living in the Knowledge of Christ”
Text: Colossians 1:24-2:7
January 22, 2012

Open in Prayer

Fellowship Questions and Options:

Have the group reflect upon the person or persons they have known who has/have suffered for the witness of Christ and tell their stories. (i.e. missionaries, friends, etc.)

Reading of the text: Colossians 1:24-2:7 (Have the group take turns reading 2 verses at a time, allow people to pass if needed)

Study questions for the Sermon and Text: (choose as needed)

- When did you come to understand the Gospel message and when did you give your Life to Jesus? Did these two theological events happen at the same time or was there a time separation?
- Why do Paul’s sufferings lead him to rejoice?
- In Col. 2: 3-4 Paul contrasts clever speech and true wisdom. What does this indicate about the false teaching in the Colossian church?
- How has finding Christ been like uncovering buried treasure for you?
- What is your stated purpose in life? What was Paul’s stated purpose in verse 1:28?
- How does your purpose change your life day to day?
- What spiritual disciplines nurture your faith and witness for Christ as you carry on in God’s work?

The Challenge:

To remember to power of the Gospel message to change lives both now and for eternity.

Prayer Options: (choose as needed for your group)

- Pray for those who do not know Jesus Christ
- Pray for those who are looking for work and perhaps homeless
- Pray for leaders to come forward in the ministry of prayer at WPC
- Pray for mission service projects for your group

Mission encouragement for the winter

Ask the group what they see as needs in the community. Can your group help with those needs?

Leader notes:

- Ask if your group would like to invite others to join during Lent.
- If your group has lots of questions about the text make a list and send it to Pastor Steve and we will find a time to meet with your group to answer your questions.