

Series: Ripple Effect - Colossians
Sermon: Faithful Gospel Ministry
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Daily Readings

Monday: Colossians 1:24-29
Tuesday: Colossians 2:1-5
Wednesday: Matthew 28
Thursday: Philippians 3
Friday: Ephesians 3
Saturday: Psalm 96

Discussion Questions

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas about what faithful gospel ministry looks like? Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. Read Colossians 1:27. When we read about how we have "Christ in us – the hope of glory," what does that mean? How should this change our perspective and the way that we live?
4. How do we grow in our knowledge of Christ? What does this practically look like?
5. Read Colossians 1:24. Why was Paul able to rejoice in what he was suffering? Have you ever thought about how God calls us to embrace suffering for Christ in order for the gospel to advance? Can you think of other examples or people in the Scripture where God allowed suffering but still used it for His glory? Do you have personal examples from your life that affirm this truth?
6. Knowing that suffering is a part of being a disciple, how should we view our present sufferings? How can this even change our prayer life?
7. Think about this statement again: "Discipleship is sacrificing to grow in Christ and bringing along others as you do." Is there anything that you need to sacrifice in order to grow in Christ? Is there anything that you need to sacrifice in order to see the gospel move forward within your world? Who are others that you can bring along with you and invest the gospel into?
8. Read Colossians 1:28-29. How does the "energy that Christ so powerfully works" in us change our outlook on whatever God has asked us to do? Why is it important to remember that He gives the energy and the strength that we need?
9. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

Action Step:

1. Who is at least one person that you can encourage in the Lord this week? Send them a message, write them a note, feel free to get creative, but take some time this week to build up someone in Christ.