

MORE MATURE

Colossians 1:24-2:5

MESSAGE RECAP

Following Jesus can be one of the best, most exciting, fulfilling, difficult, and even painful experiences we have. The Apostle Paul saw this as an opportunity over a lifetime as he served the church Jesus has established. We said this weekend that life is filled with “Suffering”, “Serving” and “Battling.” The goal in all of that is simply this, to “Present everyone fully mature in Christ.” Colossians 1:28.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How are you...really?
2. Read through Colossians 1:24-2:5 out loud in the group. Give the group 5 minutes to process this question. What might God be saying to you considering your personal ministry and maturity in Christ Jesus? After 5 minutes of silence share with the group.
3. Paul’s calling was filled with suffering (Col 1:24) and yet, he rejoices. Why? In what ways could we rejoice today through circumstances?
4. Paul’s calling involves serving. (Col 1:25-27) In what ways has God called you to serve his mission? How does your personal ministry help your maturity?
5. Paul’s calling involves battling. (Read Colossians 1:28–2:1) Why would preaching and teaching be something described as he does: “strenuously contend with all the energy”?
6. Maturity is important to our Christian walk (Colossians 2:2–5) gives a brief idea of this. What is one thing God is calling you to do right now to grow your maturity in Christ?

PRAY

End your group time in prayer.