



DIGGING DEEPER

Colossians 1:24-2:7



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SUNDAY RECAP

We are in week 2 of our 5-part series in the book of Colossians. Before starting the discussion questions with your group, pray together and invite the Holy Spirit to be present with you.

KEY PASSAGE: Colossians 1:24-2:7

DISCUSS

OPTIONAL ICE BREAKER: What is the most valuable thing you have ever found? What did you do with what you found?

• **Theme of Suffering: Colossians 1:24**

How does Paul's view of his suffering challenge our worldview that so highly values our own comfort?

Consider this quote from David E. Garland and discuss:

"Paul offers no help for the questions we have about suffering. His focus is only on suffering that is willingly chosen because of an earnest commitment to preach the gospel. Whenever we choose to confront the many manifestations of evil in this world for the sake of the gospel as Paul did, persecution and suffering inevitably follow. Paul's devotion to his commission as Christ's servant, assigned with the task of carrying the gospel to the Gentiles, meant that he was willing to take on himself Christ's suffering. He did not try to explain it. Instead, he met it and rejoiced in it."

• **Theme of Mystery: Colossians 1:25-27 & 2:2-3**

Christ is the key (ie: mystery) that unlocks everything that God is doing. Jesus unlocks all meaning, purpose, and hope for the human existence. Consider what N.T Wright says: *"The ultimate purpose of Paul's ministry, including this very letter to the Colossians, is that believers might know the mystery of God, namely, Christ."* How can you know Christ better in this season?

• **Theme of Maturity: Colossians 1:28-29 & 2:4-5**

A more complete meaning of the Greek word for maturity is "the quality of being so wholehearted in one's devotion to the Lord that one can be said to be blameless in conduct; to be complete, the undivided way in which a person, with all one's positive and negative attributes, is oriented toward God or toward Christ." How does the goal of maturity in Christ challenge and/or compel you?

• **Read Colossians 2:6-7.** How do you remain rooted and built up in Christ? How is your faith strengthened? What are you thankful for this week?

PRAYER TIME: Share requests and pray for one another.

UPCOMING EVENTS **Learn more at fairoaks.church/events**

- **Fair Oaks Family Gathering III:** 4/17 | 6:30-7:30p | Family Life Center | Topic: Baptism & Communion
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- **Men's Breakfast:** 4/20 | 8a-10a | family Life Center | RSVP at fairoaks.church/events
- **Missions Auction:** 4/27 | Doors open at 4p | Tickets \$30/person
Available at fairoaks.church/events and on Sundays
- **Baptism Sunday:** 4/28 | Sign up if interested in being baptized by April 14 at fairoaks.church/baptism
Attend FO Family Gathering on 4/17 at 6:30p

