## Reflecting on Colossians 1:24-29 Life Group Discussions | July 2, 2023

**Note:** Many of the questions used in our discussions come from the MacArthur Bible Studies book, "Colossians & Philemon: Completion and Reconciliation in Christ" (Thomas Nelson, 2007). Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in getting a copy of this book.

## **DISCUSS**

1) **Read Colossians 1:25.** What role did Paul insist that the Word of God play in ministry?

2) List all of the verbs Paul used in this passage to describe his ministry efforts. Spend a few minutes reflecting on his word choices. What conclusions can you draw about the proper exercise of ministry? 3) Do you sense God's conviction to minister in some way more vigorously? If so, in what specific areas? What might keep you from being a more joyful steward of the gifts God has given you?

4) Paul endeavored to serve and honor God with all his might. At the same time, he knew the effective "striving," or work with eternal results, was being done by God through him (v. 29). When have you seen this principle most vividly at work in your own life?

## **PRAY**

We are highlighting two ministries this summer (i.e., Life Groups and Mentoring Groups), but our members participate in various ministry outlets every week. Take some time this week to pray for those who serve in the regular ministries of our church. (*Reminder:* Pray with a spiritual perspective and not for physical needs alone.)

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As you work through the previous list, you likely see a
lot of repeated names. Prayerfully consider joining one
of these ministry teams, or ask a Leadership Team
member about a ministry not mentioned above. Better
still, ask a member of your Life Group to join you in a
formal or informal ministry. Remember, this doesn't
have to be a full-time or even long-term ministry; our
goal is to create a culture of discipleship within our
church and community.

| Your Name:                        |  |
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| Your Ministry Partner's Name:     |  |
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| Your Ministry Interest/Passion: _ |  |

 We also praise the Lord for those who are actively engaging our church and community with the gospel behind-the-scenes. What is one way you can serve someone in our church or community this week, even if no one else hears about it? Who might be able to join you in this worthy discipleship endeavor?