



*Scriptures for further study*

1 Corinthians 12:27 | Romans 12:4-5 | Ephesians 4:11-13

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Colossians 1:18, 24-29

*“The point of the church is to be a people who, together, are a living, growing demonstration of the life and hope God gives in Jesus.”*

1. Who is the head of the church according to verse 18? Who is the church? What is the purpose of the church?
2. How did Paul view his sufferings in verse 24? Explain how one can have such an attitude regarding suffering.
3. What is this “mystery” that’s been “hidden for ages and generations” according to verses 26, 27? In what sense is the gospel a mystery? What is our relationship to Christ according to verse 27?
4. Why do you think that suffering such as Paul endured as he wrote this letter from prison often serves to advance the gospel?
5. What priorities in our church reveal that we are proclaiming the gospel message to the world?
6. What was Paul’s goal in preaching and teaching according to verses 28 & 29? What should Paul’s goals in preaching teach us about our responsibility in sharing the gospel?

## QUESTIONS TO PONDER THIS WEEK:

Am I making an ongoing sacrifice like Christ for others in the body? Am I in pursuit of a full knowledge of Christ? Do I have a deep confidence in Christ? Am I committed to learn Christ and be like Him in all of life? Do I show a readiness to labor for Christ in the things that matter to Him? Do I live with a persistent dependence on Christ?