

SERMON GROUP STUDY GUIDE

What was the most significant thing you learned from the sermon or something in the sermon you didn't quite understand?

INTRO

What is a basic skill that you still occasionally mess up?

What is a "basic" Christian truth that you may have taken for granted, but has become more important to you as you've grown?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - COLOSSIANS 1:24-29

In verse 28, what are the two facets of Paul's proclamation ministry?

What's the difference between these two?

What is the goal of his proclamation ministry?

What do 1 Corinthians 2:2-5 and 2 Corinthians 4:5 teach us about what is most important when proclaiming Christ?

How does Paul say that he endures the struggle of his ministry?

How is this like his prayer for the Colossians in 1:9-11?

Who are you warning or admonishing? Who are you teaching? Do you have anyone that you are working and praying to one day present as mature?

TAKEAWAYS

WHEN CHRIST IS LIFTED UP, HE WILL DRAW ALL PEOPLE TO HIMSELF

John 12:32; John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Have you ever complicated the gospel? Can you adequately explain it now?

Do you trust that the Word of God actually has the power to transform people or do you try to manufacture results?

Do you need to speak more plainly about Jesus?

HOW MUCH DO WE PRAY?

Ephesians 6:18-20

What does your current prayer life reveal about what you actually care about?

Do you pray like someone who believes the mission is to proclaim Christ and prepare His people - or like someone who's just trying to survive the week?

If God answered every prayer you've prayed this past week, would anyone be matured in Christ? Would anyone hear the gospel?

Do you have goals for your work for Christ? Are you praying like someone who intends to accomplish them?

KNOWLEDGE APPLIED

What does this teach us about people? About Jesus? How will we better obey Christ based on what we've just learned? Who will we share this with?