



1. [Group] Lighting Cue!



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**Is Jesus merely important to you or
is He truly first in your life?**

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**We bring to God our first and best
because he first loved us by giving
his best in Jesus Christ.**

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When Jesus is first in your heart, His mission becomes first in your life.

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²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,

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Joyful Sacrifice – giving up something you love for something you love more.



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Scott Sauls - “Jesus has not called his followers to deny their neighbors, take up their comforts, and follow their dreams. He's called us to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow him.”



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**Where and how am I joyfully
sacrificing to make Christ known?**



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**Am I honoring God with 100%
of my lifestyle?**



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**²⁵ of which I became a minister according
to the stewardship from God that was
given to me for you, to make the word of
God fully known,**



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²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.



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²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Colossians 1:24-29



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**To accomplish the mission of making
Christ known here and around the world, it
will require initiative, stewardship and
sacrifice...and it's worth it.**



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