



COLOSSIANS SERIES PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL PLAN

WEEK 4

Each week through this series, we are including five personal devotional readings followed by a couple of questions you can think on through the day. Monday is a day to set aside to read through the book of Colossians. The rest of the week we will look at two or three verses to contemplate more deeply and personally. We hope you enjoy digging into this important book over the next 10 weeks, and we pray God will use these short devotional questions to give you deeper insight and that through it, the gospel will be “bearing fruit and increasing” in you daily (Colossians 1:6).

Monday Reading: Read through Colossians in one sitting.

Devotional Question—What is something new that you picked up from your reading of Colossians this week? How can that thought be an encouragement throughout your day?

Tuesday Devotional: Read Colossians 2:1-3

Devotional Questions—Is Christ your source of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge? Are you becoming rich in them?

Today, will you pray for others in our church to experience encouragement, love, and understanding through their experience with Christ today?

Wednesday Devotional: Read Colossians 2:4-5

Devotional Questions—Have you ever struggled with doubt about your faith? What Scriptures do you go to when you do?

How does it make you feel to know that others are praying for you to stay firm in your faith?

Thursday Devotional: Read Colossians 2:6-7

Devotional Questions—How is your “walk” in Christ today? Are you “rooted” in Him?

How does gratitude toward Christ enable you to walk more faithfully?

Friday Devotional: Read Colossians 2:8-10

Devotional Questions—What are the things of the world (the philosophies or the pleasures) that sometimes tempt you away from following Christ daily?

Why is Jesus better than all of those things? (Pay attention to verses 9-10 here.)





COLOSSIANS 1:24-2:5

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE FROM 10/3/21

SERMON SUMMARY

In the first part of Colossians 1, Paul has lifted up the name of Jesus, making it clear to this budding community of Colossian Christians exactly who Jesus is—the Creator and Sustainer of all things, and the Head of the Church. He starts by exalting Jesus, and then he celebrates the work of Christ in bringing these Colossians into His kingdom. In this Paul celebrates the clear plan of God to bring salvation through Christ to all nations, to all types of people, including these believers in Colossae. In this week's text, Paul makes it clear that his God-given role in God's plan for the Colossians was to make it more clear to them who Jesus is and to help develop them as mature followers of Christ who can stand against any opposition the church may face along the way.

Key Passage: Colossians 1:24-2:5

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW—Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone. *The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.*

What is one way God is challenging you to trust Him this week?

What are some ways you have experienced God answering your prayers lately?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW—Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

What are some of the ways the Apostle Paul suffered physically for the sake of the gospel? Have you experienced anything like that in your life as a Christian?

What does Paul mean by "the stewardship from God that was given to me for you?" What is that? (See Acts 9:15)

What is the mystery Paul speaks of in verses 26-27? In what way would the salvation of the Gentiles have been a mystery?

In verse 28, Paul says he proclaims Christ, both "warning" and "teaching" everyone with wisdom. Why are both warning and teaching important to the work of discipleship?

Paul doesn't shy away from the fact that the work of evangelism and discipleship is "toil." It's hard and it costs a lot. Why was that labor worth it, and how was Paul able to endure it?

What does Paul say he wants for these Christians in 2:1-2? Does that give us a picture of what should be taking place in church? Do you feel like you are growing in these areas?

In 2:4, Paul warns of a danger he is concerned about for the church. What is that?

How is Paul's work preparing the church to stand against false teaching or any arguments that may come against the church? What types of opposition do we face today?

GO—Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

Paul was clear as to what his role for the churches he served. How are you serving the church?

How can we all be active in helping to develop spiritual maturity in one another? Are our hearts "knit together" in such a way as to allow that to happen?

Who in your life are you "struggling" for in order to see them grow in their faith?

