



SERMON

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WEEK 5: Colossians 1:24-29

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Now, read Colossians 1:24-29 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Was there anything that you didn't understand? Discuss.
- 4) In verse 24 Paul mentions that he is suffering for the sake of the church. Have you ever suffered or faced hardship because of your faith? Discuss.
- 5) What does it mean that Paul is "filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions" (v. 24)? This statement sounds like heresy. What is Paul getting at? (Consult a study Bible / commentary if needed).
- 6) In verse 25, Paul talks about the ministry God had given him to minister to the church. As members of Jesus' church, we're all called to ministry in some way. What do you feel like your ministry is? What is God calling you to do?
- 7) In the Bible when something is referred to as a mystery, it's usually a truth that has been previously hidden, but now has been revealed. In verses 26 and 27, Paul refers to one of these mysteries—that God wants a relationship with all peoples (not just the Jews). We, like Paul, are helping spread the message of Jesus to all peoples. What part of the world is your heart burdened for?
- 8) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.