



Small Group Questions

Colossians 1:24-2:6

REMINDER: The purpose of our small groups at Cypress is to learn to love one another. We seek to do this as we: 1. Study the Bible together; 2. Discuss how to put it into practice; 3. Pray together; and 4. Live life together. Please use these questions only as they help you achieve this purpose. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Link:** If you missed the sermon on Sunday, you can find it at cypresschurch.org. Is there something that you have a question about, or are confused about from the sermon?
2. **Read it:** Read Colossians 1:24-2:6
3. **Observation – What do you see?**
Read 1:24-26. What is Paul going through, and why is he choosing to do it?

Paul notes in verse 26 that there is a “mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints”. What is this mystery?

4. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**
If you didn’t realize it yet, the answer to the last question is the next verse, 1:27. He says that it is the riches of the glory of this mystery among all believers, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory? What does this mean?

Paul clearly struggled for the sake of the gospel. He is no different than we are; he’s not called to any different or higher mission than any other believer. So, what do you struggle to give up for the sake of Christ? (money, reputation, career, comfort, etc)

Read Philippians 3:7-8. In Paul’s letter to the church in Philippi, he expounds on this idea of losing everything (and he had a great deal to lose), for the sake of truly knowing Jesus intimately. Where are you at in this process? Are there things you aren’t willing to give up yet for the sake of knowing Jesus fully?

5. **Application – How does this apply?**
We need to choose daily to let Jesus be the King of our lives, to let him sit on the throne, and be willing to die to ourselves. What practical steps do you feel the Holy Spirit prompting you to put into practice in your daily life, to accomplish this purpose?