



At Involve Church, you're likely to hear us talk about a few important concepts we call our Core Values. They define who we are and prioritize our time, energy, and resources. You will find each of our Core Values below along with some follow up questions that pertain to this week's talk. Life Groups meet during the week to discuss these questions and encourage one another in their relationship with Jesus. **For more information on our Core Values or Life Groups, visit involvechurch.com.**

Life Group Discussion Guide

Talk Title: "No Pain, No Gain"

Colossians 1:24-2:5



Authenticity | *Making it Real*

Think about the person or people that helped you begin your relationship with Jesus. What sacrifices did they make to teach you about God's plan of salvation? How has their sacrifice helped you reach out to others?



Cultural Relevance | *Bridging the Gap*

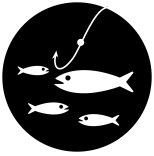
What is Bridging the Gap? *The Words of the Bible were written in a time and culture that is much different than ours. The principles of the Bible are timeless, but the background, style of writing, and flow of thought is often much different than today. It's always a good idea to ask the question, "What did this portion of the Bible mean to the people it was written to?" Once you've answered this question you can draw out principles that apply to our world today.*

Happiness and comfort are highly valued among people today. A passage like this can scare some people away from following Jesus. How do you think our culture responds to this idea that following Jesus can be tough? When people say they "want to make an impact on our world" today, what do they mean? How much are they willing to give? How much are you willing to give?



Discipleship | *Asking the Tough Questions*

Jeremiah 29:11 is often quoted when people make reference to the future. How does this passage in Jeremiah fit in with this passage in Colossians? Keep in mind the context of Jeremiah and the context of Colossians. What principles can we take from the passages in Jeremiah and Colossians that would apply to us today?



Evangelism | *Reaching Our Community*

When asked, “what is the hardest job for a Christian to do,” Christians will often say, “Evangelism.” In verse 29, Paul makes it clear that he serves people with the “energy” of Jesus. What do you think this looks like for Paul? What does it look like for us?



Multiply | *Reproducing Our Faith*

“Now I rejoice in my sufferings” (v. 24), sounds like a statement from someone crazy. It’s good to note that Paul was not enjoying his suffering, but rather the results of suffering for the church. Do you have a story that you can share with others that would help them see how suffering for the body of Christ can produce good results?



Service | *Serving Our Church and Community*

Paul talks about serving the church in this passage. His spiritual gift was teaching and establishing churches on a solid foundation. He gave a lot for the sake of making “the Word of God fully known” (v. 25). What do you think your spiritual gift is and how have you used it lately for serving the body of Christ?



Pray
for them



Invest
in them



Invite
Dinner, Church,
Testimony



Involve
in serving