

Colossians: Rooted & Growing 4

Text: Colossians 1:24-2:6

Purpose: To have Jesus in us means that we will experience suffering, but it brings us into a deeper relationship with Him that causes us to be a bold witness.

Opening Question: *If you could serve in any area of the church, community, or world what would you do?*

Read and Discuss: Colossians 1:24-27

1. *Why does Paul say that he rejoices because of suffering? How can you rejoice when you suffer?*
2. *When was a time in your life that you suffered because of your relationship with Jesus? How can loving and serving Jesus cause suffering in your life?*
3. *How can suffering cause you to have a greater intimacy with Jesus?*

Read and Discuss: Colossians 1:28-29

4. *Who are the people in your life who don't know Jesus that you would love for them to know Him? How could you help them this week to bring them closer to Jesus?*
5. *Paul talks about three ways we can communicate with others about Jesus. Proclaim, Admonish, and Teach. Which one of those ways do you feel most comfortable with communicating to others about Jesus?*

Read and Discuss: Colossians 2:1-6

6. *How can Satan deceive our understanding of Jesus? What are some of the "fine-sounding arguments" you know about that deceive people about Jesus?*
7. *What keeps you firm in your faith? How do you continue in being a firm believer?*