



LifeGroup Questions
October 30, 2022
Colossians 1:24-29

- 1) Has there been a time in your life when you saw God working supernaturally through your suffering that you could find joy in the midst of the suffering?

- 2) In Colossians 1:24 Paul says, "...in my flesh *I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions* for the sake of his body, that is, the church." Some would say, based on this verse, that Paul believed Jesus' sacrifice wasn't fully sufficient as a payment for our sins. How does Colossians 1:21-22 show us that Paul does not intend such an understanding?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:5... How does this help us understand what Paul meant in Colossians 1:24?

- 3) In Colossians 1:24 Paul said that he was rejoicing in his suffering. What purposes does Paul have in mind, from Colossians 1:24-29, that are worth suffering for?

- 4) While the mystery of the Gospel isn't a secret to us today, having the complete Word of God; but why would the mystery of the Gospel have been mysterious/unknown to people in Paul's day?

- 5) Paul's aim was to foster spiritual maturity in the Colossians (1:28). Based on the beginning of verse 28, what do you think Paul might use as a test or measurement of maturity?

How does the great commission (Matthew 28:19-20) add on to the definition of a mature disciple of Jesus?