

Colossians: Christ In Us

Colossians 1:24-29

Sermon: A Worthy Struggle

Sermon Theme: *If we're willing to pay the price, we can experience God's power at work within us.*

## OPENING QUESTIONS

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Group leaders, you are challenged to come up with 2 discussion starter-questions that either relate to the sermon or are relevant to your specific growth group.

## THE WORD READ

- Have the text read aloud in your group by either nominating someone or by taking turns.
- Colossians 1:21-23 (ESV), <sup>21</sup> *And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,* <sup>22</sup> *he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,* <sup>23</sup> *if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.*
- Have your group pray that Holy Spirit would work in your group so the group would have a fuller grasp of the text, have a great discussion, and would grow as friends.

## THE WORD DISCUSSED

- Watch the sermon discussion video, taking note of points for later discussion.
- What new insights into the sermon or the text did you discover through this video?

## THE WORD PREACHED

- How has your knowledge of God deepened through this sermon?
- How has your understanding of the world broadened through this sermon?
- How has your awareness of yourself been enriched through this sermon?
- What new truths about the Christianity, the Church, or Christ have you discovered through this sermon?

## THE WORD LIVED

- In what ways were you personally comforted in your walk with Christ through this sermon?
- Where were you personally convicted by the Holy Spirit in the area of holiness through this sermon?
- How were you personally commissioned to live more fully for God through this sermon - and how can this group pray to support you and hold you accountable to this?

## CLOSING PRAYER

Spend some time as a group praying for each other's needs. (Group Leaders, be mindful of on-going prayer requests.) Challenge everyone to pray aloud.