

Knowing Life: No One Greater
Colossians 1:24-28
9-1-19

1. What is my attitude towards suffering? (Colossians 1:24)

James 1:2-4 - "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kind, for you know that the testing of your faith...that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

Four healthy attitudes towards suffering:

1. I rejoice
2. For your sake
3. I fill up...Christ's afflictions
4. For the sake of His body

II. What is my reason for serving? (Colossians 1:25-27)

1. Stewardship from God. (Colossians 1:25)

"Using my God-given resources for His glory and the thriving of His creation."

2. Make the word of God fully known. (Colossians 1:25)

3. To see Christ in others. (Colossians 1:26-27)

Galatians 1:15-16 - "But when it pleased God...to reveal His Son in me."

Galatians 4:19 - "My dear children for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you."

III. How big is my vision for people? (Colossians 1:28)

Paul's vision in two words: Everyone and Mature.

God matures people through Parents/Disciplers by:

1. Proclaiming. (Colossians 1:28)
2. Warning. (Colossians 1:28)
3. Teaching. (Colossians 1:28)

IV. How will I see it all get done? (Colossians 1:29)

1. When it's my work...I use MY strength.
2. When it's His work...I use HIS strength.

Ephesians 3:19 - "(I pray for you) to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Discuss This Week:

1. What is one way you have seen God work in your life this week?
2. Remind one another of the Gospel and then have at least one person share the gospel message.
3. Ask one person this week to read and explain the overall passage in their own words.
4. What does it look like for you to live in a manner worthy of the Lord now in your life?
5. Go back into the world by discussing: If I believe this passage is true, how does it change my view of God? Myself? Others?
6. Pray and then go to someone to share these truths this week.