Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 07/19/2020
DISCUSSION DATE: TBD
TEXT: COLOSSIANS 1:24-29

I. LEARNING STEWARDSHIP FROM A FAITHFUL STEWARD.

A. God's Stewards Are Ready And Willing To Suffer For Jesus And His Bride, v. 24.

B. God's Stewards Are Responsible To Fulfill The Important Mission Entrusted To Our Care, v. 25-27.

C. God's Stewards Make Jesus Known With Purpose And Passion, v. 28.

D. God's Stewards Are Being Strengthened By Grace To LABOR In The Mission, v. 29.

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

What does God want us to desire/value?	What does God want us to know?	What does God want us to do?

1. **Read Colossians 1:21-22.** What does Paul want us to know about our condition prior to reconciliation/salvation? How has Jesus made reconciliation possible? What is Jesus doing in our lives in order to present us to His Father as those who are above reproach?

2. **Read Colossians 1:23; Romans 15:14.** What does it mean to be a minister of the Gospel? Should we embrace this identity/responsibility? How does our sense of personal identity impact our decisions? What is Paul confident the believers in Rome will be able to do? How does this become the church's operating model for body life?

3. **Read Colossians 1:24; 2 Timothy 3:12; John 15:20.** What kind of suffering is present in our normal experience? What is our normal reaction to suffering? Why could Paul rejoice and how does this kind of response develop in the lives of God's people? How can we sacrifice for the good of the church? How can we have a response to the kind of cultural criticism being directed at the church that is both loving and kind?

4. **Read Colossians 1:25-27; Colossians 4:17; 2 Timothy 4:5.** What stewardship has been entrusted to our care? Who benefits when we learn to be good stewards? What is our ministry and how do we fulfill it?

5. **Read Colossians 1:26-27.** Why does Paul refer to the Gospel as mystery now revealed? Who are the saints? What characterizes the lives of the saints? How is the gospel true riches and what glory is revealed through it? What makes Christ dwelling in us so amazing? What is our hope of glory? How should this hope impact our daily living?

6. **Read Colossians 1:28.** Who is responsible for making Jesus known as widely as possible? Who are we warning and what is our warning? Who are we to teach and what are we supposed to be teaching? What is the goal of discipleship? How should this ambition change our lives?

7. **Read Colossians 1:29.** How does this text provide us encouragement to be faithful stewards of the Gospel? What is promised in this text that will enable our labor to make Jesus known?