



SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 1:23-26

August 9, 2020

Guideline:

Before you begin your discussion and reading of Scripture, pray. Ask God to enlighten you, to show you where he has been at work and present in your past week through moments and people. Ask Him to guide and enliven your group in your readings and discussion.

Next, as you can in your group, read aloud and slowly **Colossians 1:23-26**. As you can take turns and read aloud these verses again, this time from a different bible translation.

For starters:

When was a time someone served you well?

What are your weekly priorities that you most enjoy meeting, and why?

See the following questions that may assist you in your discussion of the Scripture text.

1. What is a key point or take away that stayed with you from the sermon this past Sunday, August 9, "My Fair Christian (part 3)"?
2. John 14a reads, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do." Describe a time when your belief in Christ led you to an experience to serve others. What was that like -- did you discover any innate passion coming forth while serving?
3. In what sense are Paul's sufferings a continuation of Jesus' sufferings? Why would this lead him to rejoice [see 2 Corin 12:9-10]?
4. Acts 5:41 reads, "Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name." As part of human nature, often Christian people avoid suffering. Part of doing the work of Christ as Christ did it is imitating how he served. What are your tendencies to avoid discomfort in serving others? Share an experience where you went beyond your comfort zone to serve another in a Christlike fashion. Or, where did someone go beyond their comfort zone to serve you, and what was the impact?
5. When it comes to suffering for the cause of Christ, what if you were to hear the following statement during your prayer time with God: "These are not your sufferings. They are mine. All I ask of you is the loan of your body." Ponder and discuss.
6. Where do you feel the most responsible and the most satisfaction in giving of yourself in service to others? What does that tell you about your calling in service to the Church?
7. Ponder the quotation of Charles Spurgeon: "When we speak of heaven and the joys of this life, let your face light up, your smile shine, your eyes twinkle. When you speak of hell, your ordinary face will do." What excites you about God's word and His kingdom coming?

Prayer:

Lord, we pray for your passion. May our inward transformation lead to that outward passion for sharing the life you died to give, in Jesus' name, AMEN.