



SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 1:23

August 2, 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 1:21-23**. As you can take turns and read aloud these verses again, this time from a different bible translation.

For starters:

Describe this past week -- how was it for you? What was most meaningful to you?

What do you imagine when you think about the word or concept of "metamorphosis?" Elaborate.

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 2, "My Fair Christian (part 2)"?
2. What does it mean to you to be close to Jesus? Share a personal experience, or in general, about being close to Jesus?
3. What propels you most in your faith? Elaborate on your sense of motivation, inspiration, or determination.
4. How would you counsel a person that came to you for guidance -- someone who formerly made a profession of faith, but now is not going on with the Lord?
5. Read aloud Matthew 7:24-25. What did you notice most? What encourages you? What challenges you? Share and elaborate on your source(s) of foundational strength in this season.
6. Hebrews 6:19a states, "This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls." Discuss how you understand the gospel anchors your belief system, your decision-making process, and what you believe about reality and what happens when we die.
7. How would you respond to someone not yet a Christian seeking your counsel about how, in difficult times, you remain steadfast and anchored?

Prayer:

Lord, we seek your wonderful counsel. Help us to continue in the faith, remain stable and steadfast, and not shift from the hope of the gospel that we heard. Help us help others, in Jesus' name, AMEN.