



SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 1:26-29

August 16, 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 1:26-29**. As you can take turns and read aloud these verses again, this time from a different bible translation.

For starters:

What is a favorite movie of yours about overcoming adversity?

In what ways do you easily have compassion for others? In what ways do you struggle to have compassion for others?

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 16, "My Fair Christian (part 4)"?
2. Hebrews 5:12 states, "You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others." How does this verse land with you? Does it encourage you or challenge or both? Elaborate.
3. 1 Thessalonians 2:9 states, "Don't you remember, dear brothers and sisters, how hard we worked among you? Night and day we toiled to earn a living so that we would not be a burden to any of you as we preached God's Good News to you." Have you ever worked to the point of exhaustion, struggling and agonizing in a conviction? Describe the experience. What would it look like to work in such a way in your present situation -- to build up others?
4. Regarding the biblical message of toil, J. Vernon McGee used to say the following: "I would rather burn out than rust out." Discuss this statement.
5. Read aloud Mark 6:30-34. Can you relate to the disciples and if so, how? What do you learn here from Jesus?
6. In what ways in your life can you identify where inward transformation because of your faith led to outward toil? In what ways does that encourage you or challenge you or both.
7. Is Paul's stated purpose (1:28; 2:2) a reality in your life? Or are you still somewhere along the way? How may God be transforming your group, leading you all to outward toil?

Prayer:

Lord, you are the one we proclaim. Help us have your wisdom and share it, that all may be presented fully mature in Christ. AMEN.