



SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 2:1-3

August 23, 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 2:1-3**. As you can take turns and read aloud these verses again, this time from a different bible translation.

For starters:

What would you say is one of the richest experiences you have had in life?

What is something you have lost that was extremely valuable or important to you, and what did you learn from it?

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

1. Matthew 6:19-20 states, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." What words "lift off the page" when you read and absorb these words of Jesus? What challenges you? What encourages you?

2. The scripture teaches that real wealth is not something you hold in your hand, but something that you guard in your heart. Elaborate on God's grace in your life. Has that grace ever disappeared in times of difficulty or not? How does your answer inform your perspective during this time of pandemic?

3. How much value do you place on wisdom next to other riches? Consider the following verses from Proverbs: "How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!" (16:16); "For wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her." (8:11) Share an experience where you realized this wisdom evident in your life or the life of another? Where are you currently seeing this wisdom found in Christ?

4. Reflect on and discuss the following quote by noted missionary Jim Elliott: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."

5. The message that you are rich in Jesus Christ is clear from Scripture. Even when our bank accounts are suffering, even during some of the hardest days some have ever faced. Take some time to go around in your group and encourage one another in the unlosable and lasting riches that are genuinely yours in Christ Jesus the Lord. Tell each other, "you are rich in Jesus Christ," and remind each other in days like these to not forget about your treasure!

Prayer:

Jesus, you are the source of our ultimate meaning, wealth, and riches. Grant us renewed and increased assurance, confidence, and conviction of this truth and reality, especially now. Help us share these treasures of wisdom and knowledge in Christ, AMEN.