



Make it Count

Discussion Guide

April 22, 2018

Colossians 1:24-29

Questions for Study

****Before discussing these questions, read through Colossians 1:24-29 as a group.**

1. In verse 24, Paul says he rejoices in his suffering—two words that don't often go together. What is it about his suffering that is joyful? What does this tell us about what Paul is focused on in life?
2. In verse 25, what does Paul mean by "I have become [the church's] servant by the commission God gave me," and is this something that applies to all of us, or was Paul only speaking about himself?
3. Based on verse 28, what does Paul seem to be driven by? What does it mean to present someone fully mature in Christ?
4. Reflecting on your own life (from childhood up to now), how have you been served by others in ways that helped you to mature in Christ?
5. In what ways has God positioned you to help and serve others to mature in Christ? Consider the ways He has wired and gifted you, the life experiences you've had, the time and place He has you in life right now, etc.
6. Below are some typical roadblocks we face when it comes to serving others in the church? Which ones do you identify with, or are there others not listed here that you face?
 - "I'm not good enough, I have too much baggage in my own life"
 - "I don't have enough time to serve in the way I want to"
 - "I don't know the Bible well enough to lead others"
7. How can we overcome these roadblocks? How does Col. 1:29 shape our answer to this question?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 12-20.
 - How does this passage relate to today's discussion?
 - Take some time as a group to speak into each other—in what ways has God gifted and prepared each of you to serve and equip others in the body of Christ?
 - If your group would like to take more time to discuss spiritual gifts, read 1 Corinthians 12: 7-11, 27-31, Romans 12:3-8, and Ephesians 4:11-13.
9. What's one big personal take-away from Colossians 1:24-29? How can you apply this take-away to your life?
10. What's one step you can take this week toward serving and equipping others?