

STUDY GUIDE

How The Gospel Energizes Us For Ministry

Week of January 8, 2017

Colossians 1:24-29

engage it

1.	What religious beliefs and attitudes are most influential in today's culture? Why are
	these ideas so attractive?

2. Do you think most Christians see these beliefs as contrary to the Gospel? Why or why not?

unpack it

3. Read Colossians 1:24-29. Why do you think that suffering, such as Paul endured as he wrote this letter from prison, often serves to advance the Gospel?

4.	What message did Paul suggest should be the loudest proclaimed by the church, and what priorities in our church reveal that our church is proclaiming that message to the world?
5.	What are some ways, besides preaching, that the church can proclaim the message of Christ?
6.	In what situations or areas of your life is the Gospel being challenged? What is God calling you to do to stand for the gospel in those situations?
7.	How is your life impacting others with the truth of the gospel?
8.	What are some practical ways you can demonstrate the faith, hope, and love that come as a result of believing the Gospel?

9. What would it look like for you to "steward the Gospel" this week?
live it
10. Do a self-assessment to see whether or not you know how to think about and respond to suffering.
11. Do a self-assessment to see whether or not you know the Word of God enough to make it known to others.
12. Do a self-assessment to see whether or not you are presenting to anyone you know as mature in Christ Jesus.
13. Do a self-assessment to see whether or not you are aware of the Holy Spirit's work in your life.
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