

Read Colossians 2:1-10

Share a thought with the group that stands out to you from these verses.

1. List the things that Paul hopes for as the goal for the Church in verses 2-5.

What I find: That they be encouraged at heart, united in love, have the full riches of understanding, know the mystery of Christ, wisdom and knowledge that come from knowing the mystery of Christ, that they are not deceived with fine sounding arguments, orderly and firm in faith.

2. In verse 5 Paul says, “though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight”. What do you think he means?

Ask the group to share what they think Paul is saying. I think Paul is saying that our unity, love and purpose for one another is not dependent on us being in one another's presence. We can love and pray for our brothers and sisters, even those we have not met, regardless of our location.

3. What do these words teach you about your own relationship with other brothers and sisters, even those you have not met yet?

We are one in Christ. We are to love, pray for, and be encouraged by how God is transforming and using all of those who belong to Jesus.

4. This week's memory verse, Colossians 2:6-7 is about discipleship. As those who belong to Jesus, we are on a life pursuit of knowing and loving Him. What would Paul's words convict you to do in your life as you continue to live in Jesus and how are you going to be built up in Him?

Ask people to read the verse and share.

We are called to live in Him. We are called to be rooted in Him. We are called to be built up in Him. We are called to be strengthened in faith. And we are called to overflow with thankfulness.

5. Reread verse 9. Paul reminds us once again that in Christ the fullness of Deity (God) is alive in bodily form. How should knowing that Jesus is true God affect the way you approach Him?

When we come to believe and embrace this truth, we should find more and more reason to dedicate our life to worshipping and serving Him. It also should remove all fear and doubt in our life and we should approach every trial, threat, and situation with great faith.

This week's memory verse: Colossians 2:6-7

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Prayer: Take a moment to write a prayer to God about your response to questions number 4 or 5.