Week 3 – Complete: Colossians Series

Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

Introductory Discussion:

What was "the takeaway" (the most important point) from Sunday's sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Read Colossians 1:24-29

Discussion:

1. When you were young, what mystery stories did you enjoy?

2. When was the last time you felt duped by a persuasive talker?

3. In what sense are Paul's sufferings a continuation of Jesus' sufferings? Why would this lead him to rejoice? (see 2 Cor. 12:9-10)?

4. Colossae would be familiar with "mystery" religions, the "fullness" of which was only experienced after rigorous training. By contrast, what "mystery" of God is now fully revealed in the Gospel? (1:26, 27)?

5. In your life and witness, do you have Paul's passion or fervency? Or the Colossian's firmness (1:23; 2:5)? How might knowing "Christ in you" help you be both fervent and firm in your faith?

6. Is Paul's stated purpose (1:28) a reality in your life? Or are you still somewhere along the way? How far along the way are you? What can you do to take incremental steps toward becoming complete in Christ?

Prayer: Take time to pray together as a group.