

Sermon: The Essential Mission.
Series: *Essential*.

Scripture: Col. 1:24-29.
Date: June 26, 2022

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) How does Paul describe his ministry in this passage? What can you learn from this for your own ministry in the church?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Read verse 25. Paul calls his ministry a stewardship from God. What stewardship or ministry has God given to you?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Christ in you the hope of glory. Why must "Christ in you" be our only hope? Are there other spiritual markers that you are measuring yourself by that aren't "Christ in you?" What happens when other spiritual markers become our hope of glory?

b) Paul toils to "present everyone mature in Christ." What do you think someone who is maturing in Christ believes? Does?

APPLICATION

a) Read verses 29 again. Where are you toiling and struggling for Christ? More importantly, what does it mean to toil and struggle from Christ's energy and power?

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Corinthians 12:18-20.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his presence in your life through Christ.
- Confess ways that you have toiled for God from your own strength.
- Thank Jesus for his life in you, the hope of glory!
- Ask God to help you toil and struggle in discipleship by the power of Christ.