GROUPS
Following Jesus Together

All Things: Colossians

Scripture: Colossians 1:24-2:5

Big Idea: Jesus empowers a people who grow together towards maturity in him.

Questions for Connection (*Use these to help start conversations.)*

1. What's the funniest habit your family and friends would say you need to break?
2. What's something you would gladly pay someone else to do because you absolutely hate doing it yourself?

Before you continue, pause and pray for Jesus' leading.

Read Colossians 1:24-2:5

1. When you think about following Jesus, what are some things you expect Him to do in your life? Have you ever done what you believed Jesus wanted you to do, and it came at a personal cost?

2. Paul willingly endured suffering for the sake of others. How have other believers helped you remain faithful to Jesus during a difficult season? What was going on, and how did they step in to support you?

3. What's the difference between hoping Jesus will change our circumstances and placing our hope in Jesus Himself? Where has this shown up in your life?

4. Gospel work is the highest calling. Has there been a time when Jesus showed you an area where you were making something other than the gospel your highest calling? What were those areas, and how did you respond to that realization?

5. Helping others grow spiritually often requires giving something of ourselves. What are some things we might need to sacrifice to invest in someone else's relationship with Jesus? Which of those sacrifices tends to be the most difficult for you?

6. What's the difference between being part of a Group where people enjoy spending time together and one where people intentionally help one another grow in Jesus? What keeps us from having deeper conversations about our relationships with Jesus, even with people we know well?

7. Read verse 29 again. Notice the emphasis on "his energy". Have you ever felt inadequate or unqualified for something you believed Jesus was calling you to do? What happened? What things does this verse give you the confidence to do that seem impossible? Specifically, who might he be calling you to love who you otherwise wouldn't?
   Pray for each other over this before you close the group.