



Rooted in Him

Session #5

Colossians 1:24-2:5

“Suffering That Brings Joy”

Start

1. Have you ever been persuaded to do something that you later regretted?
2. Have you ever had anything in your life that was worth struggling to obtain? (examples – a goal or dream, a possession, a responsibility, a relationship, etc.)

Watch



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Read Colossians 1:24-2:5 and Discuss

3. What are some persuasive arguments that we hear that might keep us from rooting our lives in Jesus?
4. What did Paul mean when he said, “I am completing in my flesh what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for His body, that is, the church.”?
5. What kind of suffering did Paul experience as a result of carrying on Jesus’s work of reconciling people back to God? How could this suffering bring joy to Paul?
6. In what ways is the ‘mystery’ that Paul talks about in Colossians different from how we think about the word ‘mystery’ today? What was the ‘mystery’ that Paul struggled and suffered to reveal to others?
7. How could Paul’s suffering and struggles serve as an encouragement and reassurance to believers who were questioning their decision to root their lives in Jesus?
8. How has the time we’ve spent looking into this passage in Colossians impacted you? Share with the group.