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Engage Bible Study Guide

Session 25 | Colossians 1:24-2:5 | March 15, 2021

>> OPEN

- Have you ever “suffered” for your faith as a Christian? If so, share your experience. If not, is it because you only hang out with Christians, or because your life isn’t much different than the life of non-Christians? How do you feel about your answer?
- If an atheist asked you, “Why does your God allow suffering?” how would you respond?

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- In what sense are Paul’s sufferings a continuation of Jesus’ sufferings (1:24-25)? And why would this lead Paul to rejoice (see 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)?
- Paul desires to present everyone as mature or “perfect” in Christ (1:28). How would you describe what a mature disciple is like? Does Colossians 2:2-32 give you any hints?
- Paul says that “Christ in you” is the secret that God has revealed to the Gentiles (non-Jews). What are the implications of Christ in you? How does it shape the way you see yourself and others and the world around you?
- False teaching is an obvious concern to Paul (2:4). What false teaching should we be concerned about today? How do you determine true from false teaching?
- Taking into consideration this entire passage, how would you describe what it is to be a Christian? How does your description align with the reality of your life?

>> APPLY

- Paul believed that God called and commissioned him to be a servant. You received the same call and commission in your baptism. In what specific ways are you living out that calling?
- In what ways do you still need to mature as a disciple? What steps will you take this week to move toward greater maturity?
- How can you grow in awareness of “Christ in you” today?