LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

FEBRUARY 2- FEBRUARY 8, 2025

1

WELCOME - (5-10 MINUTES)

Welcome Everyone. Introduce yourself and any new individuals.

Have a member read ALL of the group goals and ONE guideline.



BREAK THE ICE:
What is a small act of kindness someone has done for you recently that made an impact on you?

Are you prepared?
Spend some time each week before Life Group to review the questions, come up with your own answers & decide which ones your group needs to focus on!

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WORSHIP ACTIVITY - (10-15 MINUTES)

Ask the Life Group to stand-up & sing together. If your group meets in public, ask a member to text out a song before the meeting and have everyone worship on the way!

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WORD - (15-20 MINUTES) READ Colossians 1:24-29

1. How was Paul showing his commitment to Christ? (v. 24-25)
2. Paul describes the gospel as a 'mystery' that was hidden for ages but is now revealed. Why do you think God chose to reveal this truth at this specific time, and how does it change the way we understand our relationship with Him? (v. 26-27)
3. What is Paul's goal in teaching and warning others about Jesus? (v. 28-29)
4. Paul mentions "rejoicing in his sufferings." What specific sufferings is he referring to, and why do you think he rejoices in them? (v. 24)
5. How does the world's idea of commitment differ from a godly commitment? What are some things people in the world devote themselves to, and how does that compare to what Christians are called to be committed to?
6. Paul describes his commitment to sharing the Gospel through suffering, hard work and relying on Christ's strength. Based on this Scripture, how should our commitment to Christ differ from just going through the motions?
7. Paul was willing to suffer for others to know Jesus. What are we willing to go through for the sake of the Gospel?
8. Paul works hard and depends on God's strength, how can we work harder to depend on God's strength instead of depending on our own?
9. What is missing from your life right now; commitment to Jesus, relying more on God or putting in the hard work? What do you need to do to establish what is missing?

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WITNESS - (10-15 MINUTES)

BREAKOUT TIME: Break into smaller, like-gendered groups of 3-4. Address the following question(s):

- What is the Lord revealing to you through this passage and discussion?
- Paul works hard but trusts God's strength (v. 29). How can you rely on God's power instead of just trying to do everything yourself?
- Jesus changed the way we see suffering through His sacrifice. Suffering isn't meaningless anymore; it can be used to serve others and join in Christ's work. This is why we can rejoice in our suffering. How does rejoicing in suffering help us grow as followers of Christ?
- How can we pray for each other this week?

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CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- **Now is a great time to invite your friends, relatives, associates and neighbors to Life Group! Who do you know that needs to be in a Life Group?**
- This February, we're throwing confetti and spotlighting Black History Month! It's all about celebrating the amazing achievements and contributions of African Americans through the ages, while giving a big nod to the challenges they've tackled and the ongoing quest for equality! Let's shine the light!
- **If you have been wanting to join one of our Serve Teams, we will be hosting Team Sunday on February 16th! It's the perfect time to find out more about all of our teams and how you can be a part of them. Take the next few weeks to think and pray on where you feel you can step up and serve. If you aren't sure where you'd fit, feel free to talk with one of our Life Group leaders to help you think through all the possibilities. We have a place just for you!**
- Don't forget about your loved ones this coming Valentine's Day! God loved us all so much that he gave His only son for us. Together, Valentine's Day and John 3:16 remind us of the many forms that love can take–whether it be romantic, familial, or spiritual. They encourage us to reflect on how we can express and receive love in our own lives, fostering connections that bring joy and hope to our hearts.