

Community Group Questions Southern Hills

Gospel = Concern

Sermon 6: Colossians 2:1-5

Introduction:

Our 'mission' calls us to the task of evangelism and discipleship. These ideas go hand-in-hand. Evangelism tucks itself under discipleship. Our movement toward the accomplishment of this 'mission' ought to be of great concern to us, as it was for Paul.

Discussion:

1. Discuss the connection between our knowledge of Jesus and our love and unity with one another.

Explanation:

1. Define/describe the word struggle as used in the v. 1?
2. Link Paul's struggle with his concern for the church.
3. Describe Paul's physical labor (struggle) and his internal labor (struggle).
4. Interact with this statement by FF Bruce, "revelation of God cannot be properly known apart from the cultivation of brotherly love within the community." v. 2
5. How is Paul using the terms "hidden" and "treasure?"
6. Arguments that are "plausible" vs. arguments that are "whack."

Application:

1. How does Gospel concern produce struggle in your life?
2. What does "struggle" look like that is connected with our concern for one another?
3. Why can't you have right knowledge of Jesus in isolation? What are our tendencies here and how do we avoid this?
4. How do we seek Jesus as a "hidden treasure?"
5. What real threats do our "minds" face today? How is this related to our "concern?"