

THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

COLOSSIANS 1:24-2:5

Introduction

1. The priority of the _____. (1:24b, 25, 28; 2:2-4)

2. The _____ of doing ministry. (1:24, 29; 2:1)

3. The portrait of _____. (1:26, 27; 2:2)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. Read Colossians 1:24-2:5. This is an autobiographical section of Paul's epistle, where he describes his own calling. Why, then, should other Christ followers apply these verses to their lives?
2. What's meant by the concept of "the priesthood of all believers"? (Hint: Read Ephesians 4:11, 12.) Does this concept challenge you, scare you, or cause some other reaction?
3. Why is the church such a unique organization, as compared to schools, businesses, government, etc.? Why should it play a priority role in our lives?
4. What was Paul's primary tool in ministering to the Colossians (see v.25)? Read II Timothy 3:16, 17. What are the different roles the Bible is to play in our lives? What's the overall goal of these roles?
5. In what way was Paul filling up Christ's afflictions (v.24) in his own life? How do we know that Paul was not referring to somehow contributing to what Jesus did on the cross in saving us?
6. In what ways might (or has) your serving in local church ministry cost you something? How does that possibility strike you?
7. What is the "mystery" that Paul mentions in Colossians 1:26, 27? Read Ephesians 3:6 and 2:13-18 for a fuller description of this mystery. How should this portrait impact your personal relationships? How should it impact CCC?