

Colossians: Week Three

Have the group read **Colossians 2:1-7** prior to coming to small group. Ask them to take notes on what they see in this passage and to read it over and over again before coming. The goal of this week is to establish a firm foundation in Christ, based on a deeper understanding of Jesus and his sacrifice for us.

Opening

What is the importance of the foundation in the building of a building or structure?

Discussion

Why do you think that Paul has a great struggle over the Colossians and Laodiceans in v. 1?

What does it mean in v. 2 to have the riches or wealth of full assurance in understanding God's mystery of Jesus Christ?

Why does Paul call Jesus God's mystery? What does this really mean?

What is the benefit for us in knowing that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are found in Christ (v. 3)?

How can someone delude your understanding of Jesus and God's mystery? Where have you seen this happen in real life? What is the danger in this?

Paul says, "Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him" (v. 6 NASB). What does it mean to walk in Him?

How could understanding the mystery of Jesus and walking in Him help you to be firmly rooted and built up in Him? What does this actually look like in real life (v. 7)?

What is the benefit of being firmly rooted in Christ and fully centered on Him?

Application

What can you do to better understand the mystery of God in Jesus in your own life?

What can you do to make sure that you are not deluded or lead astray from the truth of Christ (v. 4)?

How can you be better established in your faith?

What are you going to do to make sure that you are building a strong foundation on Christ? One that goes deep into the ground and is firmly rooted.

Conclusion

This is a critical part in the book of Colossians. Here Paul is laying out an important argument and plea for the Colossians to make sure that their foundation is in Jesus and not false teachings of the world.

As believes, especially on a college campus, it is critical for us to make sure that we are not building a foundation on false ideas or thoughts, but on the firm deep, lasting foundation of Jesus Christ. For in him lies all wisdom and knowledge.

In order for us to really establish this foundation we have to walk in Jesus and seek to obey Him in all ways, becoming true disciples. This can only happen through modeling our lives after Jesus and gaining understanding through the Word and prayer.

Make sure that your roots are deep. Make sure your foundation is with Jesus and Jesus alone.

Prayer

Ask God to help you recognize when people are speaking false truths. Pray that God would enable you to build a solid foundation in Christ alone. Pray that you would be able to help others also build that strong foundation. Thank God for revealing his mystery to us in Jesus.