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Presenting



Your role as a Disciple

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:18-20 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.



KEY SCRIPTURES FROM THE STUDY

Colossians 1:13-14 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1: 9-10 9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;



Discussion Questions

How does the recognition of the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ in your life help develop maturity in your faith? Discuss a personal example

How does this recognition affect your ability to disciple others?



Points from the Leader's Guide

Main Idea: Through the outpouring of Christ's supremacy and sufficiency through the Spirit, we should allow the Spirit to mature us in faithfulness back to Christ.

Head Change: To know the truth of the gospel and how it directly relates to us.

Heart Change: To feel adoration for Jesus because of all He's done for us.

Life Change: To pursue Christian maturity through transformed actions, attitudes, and mindsets. Romans 12: 1-2

*Relationship to Discipleship: A mature Christian is a discipling Christian; Spiritual babies are loved and are lovable but they cannot take of themselves or others as needed to mature, hence the need for mature Disciplers. They also have the discernment to rebuke error and heresy.



Points from the Video

Like Philippians, Colossians is a letter written from prison. Paul stated his chains had actually served to give him an opportunity to fulfill his call. The point is that unfavorable circumstances or situations do not limit you and actually can advance the kingdom of God in your life and your ministry. Paul wrote this letter to encourage the believers at Colossi, and to confront a heresy.

Through the work of Christ, we have been brought out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light, redeemed from our sins and become heirs of His kingdom V 13,14. Christ is supreme in this finished work, and sufficient for everything we face in this life.

Paul prays that through the power of the Spirit, they will gain a new perspective on who they are, their identity in Christ, and they will gain wisdom and understanding on how they should live fruitful, pleasing lives in the faith as they grow in knowledge of God.



Points from the Video

The facilitator points out that the heresy the Colossians faced was the idea that the Gospel alone was not sufficient, that something more was needed, a special knowledge that only a few could attain. The bible teaches that salvation is through Christ alone and by His work on the cross. As stated earlier, His work alone redeemed us from sin brought us into His kingdom.

Comparative analysis of Colossians 1:9-10 and 13-14 with Romans 12:1-2

Summation: God in His mercy rescued us from sin so that we might be able to offer our lives as a continuing series of daily acts that are in accordance with both His general will and specific will for our lives through the ongoing renewing of our minds by the study of His word, enlightened by His Spirit so that we gain continuing understanding of what He wants us to do to serve Him as we grow to be mature.

This is another way of expressing what is Discipleship.



Things which encourage your development as a Discipler

Prayer-Specifically praying for the ministry that you are in or asking the Lord to give you a ministry where you are discipling another.

Scripture- Memorizing Scripture so that you can both reflect upon it and have it available as a tool in any situation {If you want to learn & Memorize Scripture -See Frank Christian /He is a Navigators Staff Assn. & Every Man A Warrior - Trained to Teach.}

Personal testimony- Having a prepared, organized personal testimony that can be given in any situation.