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Session 8

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Presenting





Recap

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David Pond

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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 4: 2-6

2.Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 3. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. 4. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. 5. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.



KEY SCRIPTURES FROM THE STUDY

Colossians 4: 10

10 My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.)



Discussion Questions

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

How does this belief help you to disciple others?



Points from the Leader's Guide

Main Idea: Those with a complete view of Jesus as their foundation live lives of prayer and faithfulness, which results in holy actions toward both the family of God and unbelievers.

Head Change: To know what it means to be faithful to God in all circumstances and on a daily basis so that we can apply it to our lives today.

Heart Change: To feel devotion to God regardless of external situations.

Life Change: To practice faithfulness through prayer, witness, and practical obedience every day.



Points from the Video

Paul called Colossians to be active in prayer with the inference that this prayer is an ongoing daily activity whose purpose is not only to ask for individual needs but to be active in asking God for opportunities to communicate the gospel, and that their lives would be a reflection of the life and character of Christ.

The story of the young boy suffering from cancer is used to highlight this point. His primary prayer request was that everything that was seen in his life in his struggle with cancer would be a reflection of the gospel of Jesus Christ. His other request was that God would give grace to his family. He did not ask for healing, but that the circumstances that he was living through would be a vehicle help people see Jesus. Paul had the same attitude about his circumstances and prayer request, that people would be able to understand and see the mystery of salvation in what Paul said and how he lived.



Points from the Video

The facilitator uses Colossians 3:17 from lesson seven to summarize the point that whenever circumstances we are in and whatever we are doing whether at work, or with our family or in a social context that we should treat all of this as something done for the Lord.

We should speak to people with grace and show them respect. If we are speaking of the gospel we would speak of it truthfully, but without harshness. The metaphor of salt is used because salt enhances the flavor of anything that it is used upon, but salt can also be stinging if placed into a wound because it is a cleansing agent. The gospel is both engaging and stinging to those who are being affected by it, and we should present it with grace.



Points from the Video

The facilitator concludes by making two points from verses 7 to 18 which comprises what he terms "boilerplate", or the fine print that most of us never read in any sort of contract or agreement.

His first point concerns Tychicus, a faithful brother that was with Paul visiting him. Paul is sending him to the Colossians with this letter. Tychicus obviously accepts this assignment without question, again being a representation of doing all things as for the Lord. He has no way of knowing that his action will have repercussions the next 2000 years. He was faithful to do what was entrusted to him, and the point is that that should also be our attitude.

The second point is a comment made in verse 10 concerning Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. Mark had abandoned Paul on Paul's first missionary journey, and Paul had refused to take him again on his next journey. But now Mark is once again come back into service with Paul. Even if we are unfaithful in our walk with the Lord, He is never unfaithful to us. He will complete the work that He has started in us.



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

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