

# A Study Guide to Colossians 1:24-2:5 (Session 5)

First Baptist Peddie Church

**1. Pray for wisdom and understanding that come from the Holy Spirit.**

**2. Read Colossians 1:24-2:5 aloud slowly several times.**

### **3. Observe**

1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
3. Note every verse or phrase that refers to the *ministry* that God entrusted to the Apostle Paul.
4. Among the verses or phrases noted above (#3), note the ones that clarify what the *goal* of ministry is.

### **4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube**

### **5. Interpret / Live out the Word**

1. Reflecting on your own experiences of suffering in the past or the present, what meaning do you draw from them?
2. Describe the times when you sensed you were participating in the suffering of Christ.
3. How do you sustain joy in the midst of your afflictions? (Joy defined as “the pervasive sense of well-being” by Dallas Willard).
4. In the time of Paul, there were many “mystery religions” that tightly guarded the secret of their religions against outsiders and disclosed it only to the inner circles who went through their initiation rituals. How does the “mystery” in Colossians differ from that of the “mystery religions” (1:26-27, 2:2-3)?
5. What does it mean for you to live with “the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you” (1:27)?
6. How would you summarize the *goal* of ministry in one sentence (1:25, 28, 2:2-3)?
7. To what degree is your ministry or life aligned with the *goal* of ministry (#6)?

### **6. Memorize (use your preferred translation)**

(Colossians 1:27 NIV)

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.