BIG IDEA: Colossians 1:24-2:5

Paul teaches the whole Word of God because he wants the Colossians to grow. He wants them to listen to him! We should listen too so we can grow too.



Paul could have not written this section! His train of thought could go seamlessly from chapter 1v23 to chapter 2v6.

It's therefore important to think about why it's here.

They key point is that it's by the **Word of God** that Christians grow and so we should listen to it being taught!



Paul's job to teach the gospel was specially given him by God.

Paul's message and goal

- 1. How much of God's word does Paul present? (1v25)
- 2. The mystery made known is God's salvation plan. What is it? (1v27)?

Some trickier words in the passage:

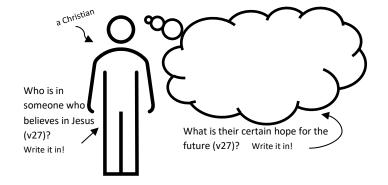
afflictions suffering / pain

commission specially given job

disclosed told / revealed

admonishing warning / advising

contending working



Verse 24 is famously tricky. Have a read.

It can't mean that Jesus' death wasn't enough to save people. Jesus' death was enough to save every single person of the whole world that there ever has been and ever will be.

Paul knows that his suffering is part of how God will spread the true gospel far and wide to every person. Christ's suffering on the cross saves people. Paul's suffering is for the sake of the church so that they can hear and believe the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection and be saved.

Chapter 1v28 is sort of a key verse.

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

4. What do the Colossians need in order to grow to be like Jesus?

5. Why should they listen to Paul? v28 – he teaches with w_____

3. What's Paul's goal? (What do you think that means? Who will they be exactly like one day?)

v28 – he wants the Colossians to g _____

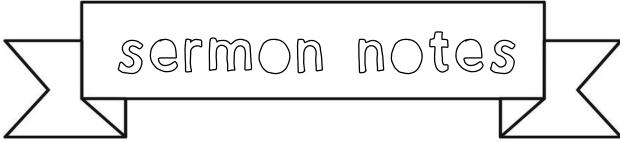
v25 – he's been c by God to teach the gospel

6. In 2v4, what does Paul warn them against? _____

(Why do you think that is? What do you think they miss out? What do you think they don't say?)

What's nice about going to church (when we could!)? What's the most important thing about going to church? Why?

During the service



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What questions do you have?

What's the main application?

How can we make use of Paul's ministry?

After the service What do you want to share with your family from what you've heard?