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For Further Thought And Discussion

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. What individual has helped you most in your spiritual development? What did they do that was helpful? Where do you think you would be if they had not helped you?

Going Deeper

1. Please read Colossians 1:24-29.
 - a. Why is real disciple-making costly according to vs. 24? What did it cost Paul? How did he respond to what it cost him? Why? What do you think helping another person to grow in their relationship with Jesus might cost you? Can you think of any reasons it would be worth the cost? What do you think holds Christians back from obeying Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19-20?
 - b. According to vs. 25-28, why must real disciple-making be Christ-centered? What do you notice about the way Paul describes himself? What is a mystery? What is the mystery God revealed to Paul? What is the essence of Christianity according to these verses? How does this shape the way we disciple others? (vs. 28) What does vs. 28 reveal about what disciple-making is *not*? What insights does this passage provide about effective parenting? How practically do we proclaim Christ to people to help them mature in Christ? What does vs. 28 reveal about the path to your own spiritual maturity?
 - c. According to vs. 29, what was Paul's purpose in life and how did he pursue that purpose? Why must real disciple-making be Christ-dependent? What can we do and what can only Christ do in other people's life?

Application

What is one lesson you will apply from this week's discussion?
How will you apply it?

Sermon Notes

Disciple-Making

1. Real Disciple-Making Is Costly

*"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions."
(Colossians 1:24)*

2. Real Disciple-Making Is Christ-Centered

*"Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ."
(Colossians 1:25-28)*

3. Real Disciple-Making Is Christ-Dependent

*"For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me."
(Colossians 1:29)*