

Colossians 1b-2 (1:21-2:23)

Discussion Guide

Pre-discussion Question

Do you feel that you, personally, have a heart for the lost or for discipling those less mature than you? Are these kinds of ministries all Believers should be engaged in, or do we leave base-line evangelism and the discipleship of the flock to those with specific giftings in these areas?

RSR: Read, Summarize, React

Read: Read through the passage silently or together or listen to it.

Summarize: Using your own words, summarize the passage. In this passage, what are the *one or two main ideas or goals* Paul is trying to express or accomplish, either directly or through example?

React:

Likes: Ideas/phrases you particularly like

Questions: Ideas/phrases that confuse you or bring up questions

Connections: Does this passage remind you of another Bible passage or story or something in the culture or in your own life?

Applications: What life principles do you see here? How can you apply this chapter to your own life? How can we apply this chapter to life in the Body of Messiah?

Specific Questions

1. Point out passages in this section of text that demonstrate Paul's great burden for helping the Colossians.
2. Would you think to tell younger Believers that in Messiah are "hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge"? If such a thought probably wouldn't readily pop into our minds in such a discussion, what does that mean about us, and how can we pray about this matter?
3. Does 2:16-17 indicate that the Colossians should not practice festivals, new moons, and Sabbath days? What does it mean that these days (and, as Hebrews 10 implies, the whole Torah) are "shadows" and Messiah is the "substance"? What would you say to someone who asserts that these passages indicate that the Torah has been done away with?