

**Jesus—Nothing More, Nothing Less
Him We Proclaim
Colossians 1:24-29**

Sermon Notes for July 26, 2020

**5 Words beginning with the Letter “M” that will help us
Lead in Ministry:**

1. The **M** of Ministry

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Discussion/Study Guide for Colossians 1:24-29

We hope this guide will help you go deeper into God’s Word and spur you on in obedience to what God is teaching us today. Please feel free to use all or part of it for your group discussion or personal study.

- Consider the people in your circle of relationships. Who would you say are some of the people “looking at you” and who are some of the people who are “looking to you”? What’s the difference?
- Reread Colossians 1:24-29. What does Paul model for us in verse 24? How does suffering with joy for the sake of others prepare the way for the gospel? In what ways have you seen this in your own life? When is this most difficult for you?
- What terms does Paul use to describe his message? What does Paul mean by having Christ in you? See Col. 1:9; 2:2-3, 9; 3:3-4.
- How does a person experience having Christ in them? Can you explain how this comes about? See Col. 2:11-15.
- According to verse 28, what does Paul say was his method of ministry? What is the warning that accompanies the proclamation of Jesus? See John 3:16-21. What does proclaiming Jesus by teaching everyone with all wisdom imply to you?
- What was Paul’s motive in proclaiming Jesus? (See verse 28b.) What does it take to present people mature in Christ? Who would you say you are influencing right now toward maturity? What obstacles do you see that are hindering you from becoming mature in Christ in your own life or in the lives of others you are leading? How can you help bring about change?
- What was the means by which Paul could carry out his ministry? What does his description in verse 29 tell you about ministry and leading others spiritually?
- How does verse 29 encourage you?

Take some time and pray for those who are looking at you and to you for your leadership. Ask God to open doors for you to show them how much you care, to tell them the message of Jesus. Ask God for wisdom so that you may know how to teach and warn. Ask God for His strength to work in you.