

STUDY GUIDE

Colossians 1:24-2:5

“Proclaiming the Mystery of God”

- 1) Why is it important to reset the compass of the souls? In what ways can we do so?

- 2) What would it look like if the source of our all of joy in our lives was first and foremost in Jesus?

- 3) Why does Paul mean when he writes that God, *“offers Himself through Jesus Christ to the world by offering Himself as a sufferer for the world through his church, his body, his people – a people who, like Jesus, are willing to suffer for the world.”* How does that change your view of suffering?

- 4) Discuss the struggles and barriers Christians face in fully giving themselves to proclaiming Jesus - and your thoughts on the ways those struggles and barriers can be overcome.

- 5) What was *“the mystery hidden for ages and generations”*? Describe the statement *“Christ in you, the hope of glory”* in your own words.

- 6) Explain the two ways Paul *proclaimed* Jesus to fulfill the purpose of making *“everyone mature in Christ.”* Share your experiences in how these two ways have affected your walk with Jesus.

- 7) Why could Paul say both that *“I toil”* and that *“he powerfully works within me”*? Share what those two things look like in your own life.

- 8) Why does Paul tell us that we must love for one another in order *“to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”*?

- 9) Arrowsmith’s mission statement is - *“We seek to passionately proclaim the Glory of God in Christ for the joy of all people.”* What should that look like in our church and in our community?

*Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom,
that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*

Colossians 1:28