



Fellowship Sunday
Colossians 1:25-29
Week of April 30, 2017

Objective of this study: To allow God to change my heart so I become the person he created me to be.

[Remember, the main goal of each Growth Group is to allow God's Word to change your heart so that others would see Jesus in you and be likewise changed to be like him. He wants to change the world through us]

Worship (5 – 10 minutes)

1. Sing a song or two of praise and thanksgiving to God.
2. Spend five minutes in silence asking God to prepare your heart for how he wants to speak to you.
3. After the five minutes have someone interrupt the silence and read **Psalm 105:1-5** meditatively to the group. Pause after each phrase letting God speak to you. **Did anything jump out at you?**

Welcome

Favourite hobby/sport to do or sport team to follow?

[It's really important when doing this study that we each think about ourselves specifically and ways we need to grow, not how Christians in general need to grow. Do the hard work of letting the Holy Spirit speak to *your* heart.]

Word (30-45 minutes)

1. What stood out from the sermon?
2. Read Col 1:25-29. If you can, read it in the NIV version.
3. Who is Paul's audience? Who else is this message for?
4. Why is this message, especially verse 27, a message of hope for everyone? Prior to Christ, what message would the church have been sharing?

Work (30-45 minutes)

Sermon quote: "The message of hope centres in the person Jesus Christ. Our message is not a system, it's not a set of rules, it's not a set of regulations, it's not a denomination, it's not Fellowship Pacific and it's not even your church. Our message is the living and glorious person who is the fulfillment of the deepest hope of mankind.

Dr. David Horita also quotes Blais Pascal "licking the earth", that describes man trying to satisfy his deepest desires with earthly pleasures or possessions.

5. Do you have regrets on time, treasure, or talents wasted on chasing earthly pleasures or possessions? Be honest. What specifically.
6. What is something you can do or a habit to start to redeem this waste?
7. How does the Colossians passage relate? What is getting in the way of the good news reaching everyone that God has planted you amongst?

Sermon quote: “We don’t love the church because everyone has it all together...we love the church because they don’t.”

8. Dr. Horita, challenges at the end of the sermon to ask ourselves, if we are willing to pay the price that following Christ and living the mission costs (relationships, money, time, emotions, energy)?
9. Spend some time praying how God wants you personally use your time, treasure and talents in loving the church, living the mission and sharing the message of Christ.

[Be sure to have an outward focus in your prayers. Who is the Holy Spirit laying on your heart to reach out to with the love of Jesus.]