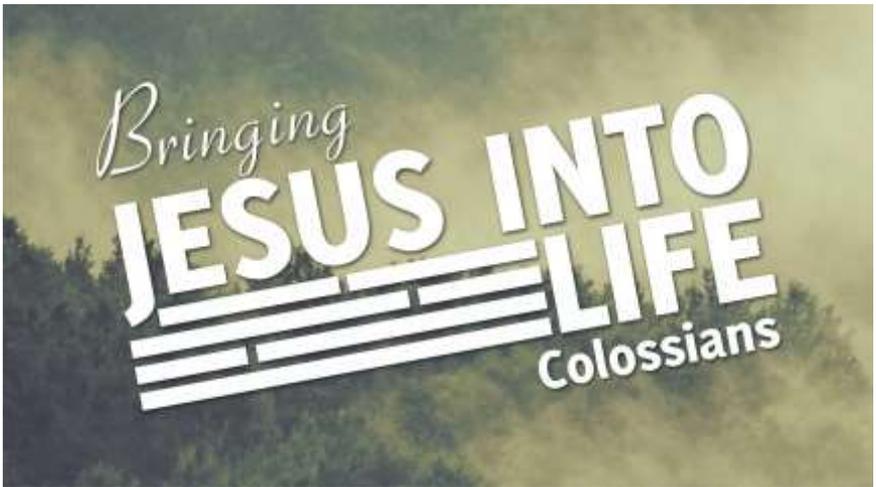


into  
LIFE  
Study guide



Colossians 1:24-2:7  
For Individuals and Life Groups  
January 29, 2017

## Introduction:

At the writing of this letter the church in Colossae is still very young and is being threatened by a twisted form of false teaching. Ideas were being introduced into the church, influencing the believers with the idea that Jesus wasn't enough. If the Christians wanted to truly be "spiritual" they needed to behave certain ways and celebrate certain festivals that had nothing to do with following Jesus. Paul wrote to these believers to encourage them in their faith and to stay true to Jesus without adding practices and ideas to distract from what Christ did for them.



## Into the scriptures

Read: Colossians 1:24-2:7

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

Explore the meaning of mystery in the writings of Paul:

(Ephesians 3:1-12; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58)

What is the mystery that Paul is talking about?

What mystery is Paul talking about? (Romans 8:10; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 3:17)

What picture of Jesus does Paul present in this passage? How was the message of Jesus being undermined in the church?

What is the end goal of Paul's work for the church in Colossae?

What do you learn about God in this passage?

What do you learn about Jesus?



## Into my life



What kinds of wisdom and knowledge do you treasure? How does God's word relate to that treasure?

What do you think it means to be mature in Christ? Who do you know that you think is a good example of this? What makes them a good example?

How do you think God has given you responsibility? What is that responsibility? (If you are stuck for ideas process it with your group or with another believer)

How will I be different this week because of what I've just read?



## Into the world



In your world (home, work, play, etc.), how will you contend for the gospel of Jesus? (Pray for each other in this)



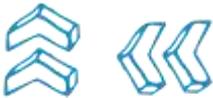
### Prayer List



### Challenge for the week:



### More Resources for personal and group use:



### A little about Westwood Church...



We believe that God changes lives!

That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life



By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



### GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



### GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



### GO

Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world