IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

Embrace the Mystery

Colossians 4:2-18 | **PARTICIPANT GUIDE** *(November 22nd, 2026)*

Key Idea: The mystery of Christ has been revealed in Jesus. We can pray, speak, and live with Gospel-centered hope, regardless of our circumstances.

Key Scripture: Colossians 4:3–6 *(NKJV)*

Icebreaker : Have you ever received news that was so good it was difficult to believe? Explain.

Read Together — Col. 4:2–18. See the connections: prayer, witness, suffering, relationships.

THE MYSTERY IS THE LORD'S TO REVEAL *(Col. 4:2–6; Col. 1:15; 1 Cor. 3:6)*

- What does Paul mean by "the mystery of Christ"? Why is it important that God has revealed this mystery in Jesus?
- Paul asks for an open door to speak the Word. How can prayer and dependence on God shape the way we share the Gospel?

YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES DON'T DICTATE WHEN YOU SHARE CHRIST *(Col. 4:7–15; Philemon 10–11)*

- Paul was in chains, yet he continued encouraging others and sharing Christ. What can we learn from his example?
- What circumstances sometimes keep us from speaking about Jesus? How might God use us right where we are?

EARTHLY "SCARS" REMIND US OF CHRIST'S SUFFERING *(Col. 4:3, 18; Isaiah 53)*

- Why do you think Paul closes his letter with the words "Remember my chains"?
- How can our own hardships deepen our gratitude for what Jesus suffered on our behalf?

THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE *(Col. 4:2–6)*

- Gavin Ortlund say, "If it starts to feel like it's too good to be true then you know you're getting the Gospel." What do you think he means?
- What part of the good news of Jesus most fills you with wonder, gratitude, or hope?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Where is God inviting you this week to pray more faithfully, speak with greater grace, or take an opportunity to share the mystery of Christ? Name one specific step.

PRAYER

Thank Jesus for revealing the Gospel. Pray for open doors, gracious words, courage in difficult circumstances, and hearts that remain amazed by His grace.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we begin Advent, reflect on the hope we have because God keeps His promises—even when we are waiting. Read Luke 1:5-25.