



Finding Fullness - Part 2 - "Life at the Center"

Proverbs 2:5 (NIV)

then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1:9-20 (NIV)

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Romans 3:23-24 (NIV)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Colossians 2:2-3 (NIV)

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Key Points

- The fullness of His Love and the force of His grace bring salvation.
- When we minimize our sin, we minimize God's grace.
- "The wages of sin is death" isn't the threat of punishment but rather an observation of reality.
- Sin is depending upon anything or trusting anything other than God as the source of identity, sufficiency, and life. Sin divides and deceives.

- Reconciliation is the result of forgiveness and the experience of fullness.
- Sin threatens the full of life that we have been designed to experience.
- Forgiveness reconciles us to the relationship for which we have been created.
- The war against sin isn't your effort to behave but learning to trust—trusting Christ for your identity, sufficiency, and life.
- We have to depend on one another, and we have to submit to a collective discernment.
- The way of life in God's Kingdom is governed by trust, and you have to be able to trust yourself - that begins with learning to trust Jesus in everything and with everything.
- The application of wisdom is discernment, where we sense God's voice and His movement and trust Him enough to take a step.
- In Christ, you can discern what to do in the life that you live to find the life that you actually want.

READ

Open your time together by reading the scripture passages on Page 1. Then, take a moment to consider what you just read:

- **Read Romans 3:23-24. Why was the forgiveness of our sins a top priority for Jesus? How did sin separate us from the life we long for?**
- **Read Colossians 1:9-20. Paul emphasizes the role of Christ's redemptive work in reconciling all things to Himself. How does this passage help you grasp the significance of redemption and reconciliation in your own relationship with God and others, and how might it inspire you to actively participate in this process?**
- **Read Proverbs 2:5 and Colossians 2:2-3. How do these passages influence your understanding of wisdom and knowledge, and how can the pursuit of Christ lead to a full life?**

REFLECT

- **Discuss the concept that minimizing our sin also minimizes God's grace. How does this idea challenge common perceptions of sin and grace?**
- **Sin has a divisive and deceptive nature to it. How do these characteristics of sin impact our relationships with both God and others?**
- **In what ways does sin threaten the fullness of life that humanity is designed to experience?**

RESPOND

- **Dependence on others and collective discernment are important. Why is it necessary for believers to depend on one another, and how does collective discernment contribute to spiritual growth?**
- **Where do you need to invite trusted voices into your life to help with your pursuit of wisdom and discernment?**
- **Trust is a key element in the way of life in God's Kingdom. How does the act of learning to trust Jesus impact your ability to trust yourself and others? Where are you struggling to trust both God and others in the circumstances you face?**

PRAY

Close your time together with prayer requests. Ask how you can pray, support, and lift one another up. Pray over these requests either collectively or by breaking up into prayer partners.