

SERMON

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Him We Proclaim - Colossians 1:28

Pre-Questions

1. While the majority of Christians don't preach from a pulpit, in what ways do our lives "proclaim" a message?
2. What message do you think your family, friends, and coworkers would say that you proclaim regularly?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Begin by reading Colossians 1:28 - *"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ."*

SERMON MAIN IDEA: We proclaim Christ so people will know him and grow in him.

"HIM WE PROCLAIM" MEANS PREACHING WHAT PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO HEAR ("...WARNING EVERYONE...")

1. What are some of the aspects of the Christian message that people in our modern world don't want to hear?
2. What are some of the aspects of biblical teachings that are hard for you to hear and process?
3. How could you grow in better following this call to proclaim things that others don't want to hear?

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4. What are the ways you have made receiving Christian teaching a priority in your life? In what ways have you lacked prioritizing it?
5. When was the last time you learned something from God's Word that changed you? What was it?
6. In what ways has God called you to teach the Bible to others?

“HIM WE PROCLAIM” MEANS PREACHING IN A WAY THEY CAN HEAR (“...WITH ALL WISDOM...”)

7. Why is proclaiming God’s message with wisdom “in a way people call hear” an important aspect of sharing the gospel and teaching the Bible?
8. What is a way you have seen God’s message connected well to a specific context or person in your life? What ways have you seen the disconnect with someone trying to proclaim God’s message?
9. What does proclaim with all wisdom look like in the different contexts of your life (home, work, community)?

“HIM WE PROCLAIM” MEANS PREACHING SO PEOPLE WILL BECOME WHO GOD IS CALLING THEM TO BE (“...THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERYONE MATURE IN CHRIST.”)

10. What or who do you think of when you picture what “Christian maturity” looks like?
11. What areas of the Christian walk has God been growing your maturity in recently?
12. What are things that get in the way of you growing into Christian maturity? What are some adjustments you can make in the next week to grow in maturity and be more prepared to make disciples?

Looking Forward

In the upcoming days and weeks, what is something you can commit to in order to grow in proclaiming Christ and in becoming a more mature follower of Jesus?

Prayer Focus

Pray for

- Peace Church to continue proclaiming, warning, teaching, and growing our people to Christian maturity.
- The members of your group to proclaim Him and become mature in Christ.
- Boldness to share things that people don’t want to hear but need to hear.
- Wisdom to proclaim God’s message in ways that the people you interact with can hear.
- Your group and your families to be filled with mature disciples who make more disciples of Jesus.
- Our announced upcoming campus in Hastings, for the right leader, a starting group who will passionately reach Hastings, and all those in Hastings and the surrounding area who need to hear Christ proclaimed.