

Message Reflection Guide

Jesus in the Church | Colossians 1:24-2:5



Conversation Starter

What's one moment when you felt truly part of something bigger than yourself—whether a team, a mission, or a spiritual community?

We suffer like Jesus

Read Colossians 1:24-25. Paul rejoiced in suffering for the Church. How does this reflect Jesus' own suffering for us? What does it mean to "fill up what is lacking" in Christ's afflictions?

Where do you see subtle forms of persecution or resistance to faith in your daily life?

We teach like Jesus

Read Colossians 1:28. Paul says, "Him we proclaim." What does it mean to proclaim all of Jesus—Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, Coming King?

How can you share the full gospel in your own words this week—with clarity and love?

We encourage like Jesus

Read Colossians 2:2. What does it mean for hearts to be "knit together in love"?

Think of someone who's discouraged or spiritually confused. How can you lift their head this week—like Psalm 3:3 describes?

We defend like Jesus

Read Colossians 2:4-5. Paul warns against being deceived by "fine-sounding arguments." How does this relate to modern challenges in apologetics and truth?

What's one way you can grow in defending your faith?

Practice Gospel-Centered, Spirit-Empowered courage

1. Have one faith conversation with an unbeliever.
2. Encourage someone on the mission field this week.

Prayer

Father God, thank You for calling us into Your Church and giving us the privilege to suffer, teach, encourage, and defend like Jesus. Jesus, You are our hope, our message, and our model. May we proclaim You boldly and love like You deeply. Holy Spirit, empower us with courage, wisdom, and unity as we live out the gospel together. Knit our hearts in love and send us out with grace.