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Essential Jesus for Unsettled Days – Ministry 101

Summary: Colossians began with God the Father, focused on Jesus the King and now introduces ministry in the church. While Paul uses himself as the example, all who name Christ as King belong to the priesthood of believers and what is true of Paul is also true of us.

Scripture – Hebrews 2:10:12-14, 12:1-3; Isaiah 9:6, 53:11, Jeremiah 31:31-4; Ezekiel 11:19; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 12:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:20, 11:25; Philippians 2:12-13; 1 John 3:14; Psalm 8, 53

Community Group Questions

Method - Rejoicing in Substitutionary Suffering (Colossians 1:24-25)

- “Hard is not bad.” In what way has suffering developed character in your life?
- “One sacrifice for all time for all who are sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:12-14)
- “If anyone needs to suffer, be it me first.”

Mindset - Steward (Colossians 1:25)

- “Ministry never belongs, it is simply borrowed.”
- “Stewardship is given to you from God.” Is there something that God has called you to steward?

Focus - The Word of God (Colossians 1:25-28)

- When it comes to ministry, why is the Word of God our sharpest tool?
- “The only hope for glory for drug addicts, alcoholics, or gender confused people is Jesus; not some program.”
- “Original glory precedes original sin.” What are the benefits/challenges of recognizing that we were born for glory? (Psalm 8)

Philosophy - Hard Work (Colossians 1:29-2:3)

- “The power is always there, God is just waiting for us to engage.” How have you experienced God’s power in your life?
- “The Jordan River parts when I put my foot in it, not before.”

The Enemy - Bad Doctrine (Colossians 2:4-5)

- “Bad doctrine destroys your Christian walk. It has to fit Jesus or it’s not right.”
- “Satan uses scripture to twist our perspective of who God is.”