



**Group Time Week 4**

ENCOURAGEMENT 1-on-1 (See last page for directions)

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**LOOK BACK:**

**Point:** *Jesus is over all things – He offers us peace.*

- Highlight some responses you received last week when sharing truths from God’s Word with others.

**Question:** What is the role of an ambassador?

**LOOK UP:** Watch this week’s video on the 4G web page.

**Recap:** Paul continues by letting the Colossians know that he rejoices that he is suffering for their sake. How has he suffered? Five times he was whipped (39 lashes each), three times beaten with rods, once he was stoned, and three times shipwrecked. He’s been constantly on the move with no permanent home and now he’s in prison. He says he has become a servant of the church. Why? Because of what Jesus has done for him and all of us.

Paul is in the family, and he has bought into his role in the family business hook, line, and sinker. He is all in because Christ was all in for us. Paul gives us three disciple-making directives:

1. Know the hope you have in Christ.
2. Proclaim the Gospel to all people – no matter what.
3. Teach irrefutable truth.

**LOOK IN: Discussion**

Read Colossians 1:24-29 & 2:1-5.

- In verses 25-27, we see that there is a *mystery* revealed. What was it (v. 27) and why was this such a game changer?
- In verse 28, Paul tells of three main things his team does: proclaim, warn/admonish, and teach. Discuss how we might do these today and how doing all three together keeps us focused on truth.

**LOOK FORWARD: Application**

**Point:** *The mystery has been revealed through Jesus.*

**Those Who Have Been Made New Have a Job to Do!**

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Verse 17 tells us that if we are “in Christ” we have been made “new.” Have you been made new? In what ways? (To get started, watch the *15-Second Testimony* video on our Go2 web page.)

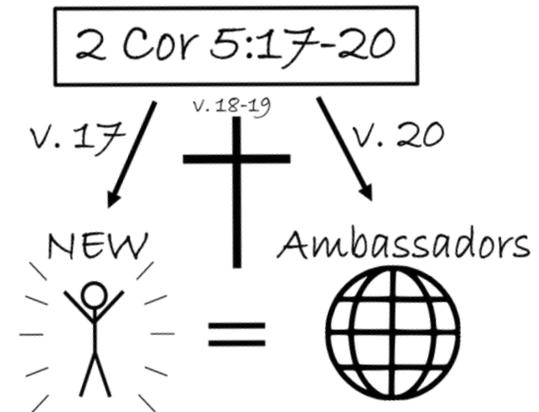
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Verses 18-19 tell us what the mystery revealed is: Reconciliation through Christ Jesus. This is the Gospel. (See Matthew 24:14)

Verse 20 tells us that if we are “in Christ” we are ambassadors. Are you fulfilling your role as ambassador?



Reread these verses and redraw the picture above on a whiteboard or piece of paper. Then ask, “Can you be made new and not be an ambassador? Can you be an ambassador and not be made new?”

List what you can do as a group to fulfill this God-ordained role as ambassadors for His message of reconciliation to the world:

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