

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Kingdom Apprentices”  
Complement to lesson on 2/5/2023 – “Receiving as an Apprentice”**

**ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. What’s your ideal vacation?
2. What’s your favorite dessert?

**MEMORIZE – Philippians 4:9**

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**READ Colossians 1:24-2:15**

**Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What sticks out to you in this passage? What did you like? What didn’t you like?
2. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
4. What kind of suffering is Paul referring to in verse 24?
  - a. Why does he rejoice in them?
5. In verse 28, Paul talks about warning and teaching.
  - a. What does Paul say is the point of warning and teaching?
  - b. Who is to receive the warning and teaching?
  - c. How does your life align with this verse?

## **Experiential activity – Mining the Wisdom of Christ**

In Colossians 2:3, Paul tells us that “in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” If that’s true, in order to grow in wisdom and knowledge, we need to mine the depths of Jesus. But what does that mean and look like?

1. Think about/discuss how we mine for minerals and ores.
  - a. If you have kids and it’s a nice day, go mine through your backyard or a sandbox and see what you can find. If not nice, put objects in a large container and fill it with sand and let them mine for it.
2. Now relate this to mining for wisdom and knowledge in Christ.
  - a. How can we do this? What role do bible study and prayer play in this?
    - i. Some good places to begin “mining” for wisdom and knowledge would be Proverbs, the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) or James.

**SING** (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

In Christ Alone - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rn9-UNer6MQ>

All to Us – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtQKAtM791o>

Yet Not I - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zundjUFazfg>

God of Grace and God of Glory – Mennonite Hymnal #434

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

## **Sending prayer based on the lesson:**

As we go this week, may you abound in thanksgiving as you share the love, truth and grace of Jesus where we live, work, study and play.