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*Colossians 1:24-29*

1. How you manage your life privately becomes your message publicly.

*Philippians 1:12-14*

2. The secret of Christ in me should be shared not kept.

*Matthew 13:44, Colossians 1:29, Matthew 9:35-38*

3. We need to be in the field to discover the treasure.

*2 Corinthians 4:7*

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## Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

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### Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

### Big Idea:

Know the secret of Christ in me so that I can share the secret with others.

### Open Up:

How do you see things in life?

- The glass is half full
- The glass is half empty
- I've got some questions—is the liquid being poured in or poured out?
- I don't really care how full it is - is what's inside it worth drinking?

### Discuss:

**Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.**

- ▶ Discuss “practice what you preach” vs. “preach what you practice”
- ▶ Name some ways life is difficult because of the decision to follow Jesus. Now name some ways it is easier.
- ▶ Read Colossians 2:6-7. Think about the phrase “Christ in me.” How does that impact a person's life?

### Engage:

**Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.**

How does the idea that your struggle is never just for you alone change how you see your current season?

Read Philippians 1:12-14. Paul was in prison, but didn't see prison as the problem. What is a current situation in your life that could use this perspective shift?

Is there a struggle that you faced where you can now see the treasure that was buried under the dirt and weeds?

- How does this help you in your current season?

### Close together in prayer.

*As you pray together, remember that God is faithful and will give you what you need in your current season.*