



**Lesson Aim:** To grow in our understanding of what it means to struggle for the spiritual growth of ourselves and others.



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to offer study questions each week in this **simplified format**, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the summer break.

**Prayer:** Start your time together by asking the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion or devotional time.



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**Icebreaker:** Do you have any hobbies you are passionate about? What is one and why?

1. **Read Colossians 1:24-2:1.** In what sense are Paul's sufferings a continuation of Jesus' sufferings? Why would this lead him to rejoice (also cf. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)?
2. **Read Colossians 2:2-5.** What is Paul's stated purpose (1:28, 2:2)?
3. How does Paul's purpose line up with reality in your life? Do you feel like this is something you are growing, stagnant or regressing in? Why?
4. What "fine-sounding arguments" hinder you in following Jesus? How does Paul speak to your concerns?
5. In what ways, both past and present, has finding Christ been like uncovering long-lost buried treasure?



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Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.

# Jesus + nothing = Everything

a study in Colossians

**Worth Fighting For**  
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Colossians 1:24 – 2:5

How did Paul show that the people of God are worth fighting for?

- Through suffering with Christ. (1:24)
- By servicing through God's Word. (1:25-28)
- In his struggling to build up others. (1:29-2:1)

What does God want us to fight for? What does God want for us?

- To experience Christ's life in our relationships. (2:2a)
- To have an unwavering love and loyalty for Jesus in our heads and in our hearts. (2:2b-4)
- To be marked by a faith in Christ that keeps moving forward, no matter what stands in our way. (2:5)