

STUDY NOTES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN A SERIES at NEW CITY CHURCH

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The following content is based on the message "Christ in You" on 6/24/18 at New City Church in Phoenix, AZ. The following is not meant to be a full synopsis but rather a brief look at the main ideas. To use this Study Guide effectively you must listen to the message found at <http://newcityphx.com/sermons/>.

Leaders using these study notes for group study and reflection should read the Biblical text thoroughly before beginning, using this resource as assistance and not relying solely on this material for insight. We encourage all leaders to pray and ask the Spirit for revelation as they lead their respective community groups.

PRAYER

Pray and ask God to lead the discussion as everyone gets to share.

SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 1:24-29

LIVING IN FREEDOM

When we place our faith in Jesus, we are set free. You are forgiven and set free from the consequences and control of sin in your life. Maybe you believe that, but your life isn't characterized by freedom. You've been trying to experience freedom alone. The Good News is that you don't have to find freedom alone.

- *How have you tried to experience the freedom of Christ without actually relying on Christ?*

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Paul said that something was lacking in Christ's afflictions. This doesn't refer to Jesus's redemptive work. That was perfect. It refers to the suffering that comes along with the church proclaiming the Gospel. Jesus was in one physical body, so he didn't announce the Gospel to the whole world. That's what he commissioned the church to do, but he knew that the church would need help. He sent the Holy Spirit to indwell everyone who places their faith in him and that Spirit leads us to proclaim the Good News.

- *Why do you think Jesus said that it was better for him to leave earth and send the Holy Spirit rather than stay on earth himself?*

CHRIST IN YOU

When we come to Jesus, he doesn't just save us from hell and leave us to live the rest of our lives alone. He didn't save us to hover over our lives to watch us live life like normal. When we place our faith in him literally comes in and lives inside of us. No matter who we are or what we've done, Jesus wants to move in to your life.

- *What is it like for you to realize that the holy God lives inside of you?*
- *How should knowing that God lives inside of you motivate you to live?*
- *Why is it easy for you to forget that this holy God lives inside of you? What are some things that you can do to help remind you of that God lives in you?*

NOT JUST A SINNER SAVED BY GRACE

Sometimes we lose sight of Christ living inside of us. We view ourselves as "just a sinner saved by grace." While that's true, we are sinners whom Jesus chose to move into our hearts and take up permanent residency. If you have placed your faith in him, Jesus loves you and lives inside of you.

- *What is the difference between being confident in the power of Christ and realizing that you possess the power of Christ living inside of you?*
- *Pray with each other that you would live as though you have the power of Christ residing inside of you.*