

Week of July 28 - Survivor

Small Group Lesson 6

Connect

Are there certain habits you have to stay physically healthy? What are some? How do you feel when you miss doing them?

Verses - Colossians 2:1-10 (NKJV)

1 For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and
those in Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the
flesh, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in
love, and *attaining* to all riches of the full assurance of understanding,
to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of
Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and
knowledge. 4 Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with
persuasive words. 5 For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with
you in spirit, rejoicing to see your *good* order and the steadfastness of
your faith in Christ. 6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the
Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in
the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.
8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit,
according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of
the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the
fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who
is the head of all principality and power.

Study

1. Paul uses the word conflict to describe the act of praying for the church of Colossae and Laodicea. Why do you think he chose this word (v.1)?
    a. What are his prayer points for them? There are at least two.
2. What is Paul's concern for the Colossian Church? (v.4)
    a. What form of deception might do this? (v.8)
3. What central instruction does Paul give to thwart such deception? (v6)
    a. What three actions does he give to accomplish this?
4. What spiritual truth does Paul teach that reinforces the hope and trust that this all can be accomplished?

SHARE: Have you ever found yourself overoccupied with non-essentials that you have missed the big picture? Sometimes those non-essentials are routines and habits? While they may be related to Christ, they are not.....?

How have you recovered from such distractions? Share if you have had this experience in your walk with Him.

Magnify

Based on today's lesson, share and/or in prayer:

- ❖ What might you be able to confess?
- ❖ What can you praise God about who He is?
- ❖ What can you thank Him for?
- ❖ How can you serve Him better?