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Sermon: **“Suffering for the Church” (Colossians 1:24-26)**

Date: **July 5, 2020**

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**Group Discussion Questions**

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the Bible study this week?
2. What are some unwelcome sufferings that you have faced in your life? How did you respond to them?
3. Describe Paul’s circumstances when he wrote this letter. How is Paul able to rejoice in his sufferings despite his difficult circumstances?
4. What are some reasons why we should rejoice in our sufferings? Use Scripture to support your answer. What kinds of things does God produce and bring about through suffering?
5. What does the phrase “lacking in Christ’s afflictions” mean in verse 24? How can it be said that Christ’s afflictions are lacking? What does that tell us about the sufferings that the church goes through?
6. How does the gospel bring us hope in the midst of suffering? What do the sufferings of Christ teach us about how God can use suffering in our lives?