

Weekly Reflection

During this season, our focus continues to be on **listening** well as God's people. This involves listening to God through his Word and Spirit, listening to each other within our church community, and listening to our neighbors who aren't part of our church community. Right now we are especially focusing on that first piece of listening to God in his Word. As part of this we are reading together from the books of Ephesians and Colossians over the next several weeks. At the right are texts to read from those books for Monday-Friday this week, as well as some questions to go along with these readings to help us listen and reflect on what God is saying to us in his Word.

During this portion of the Renewal Lab, we are also thinking about proclaiming the **gospel**. **Gospel** is a word we use a lot in church, and it is something we mostly connect with preaching on Sunday morning. It is my hope and goal to proclaim the **gospel** clearly and faithfully in our worship together each week as a pastor, but God's intention for us as a church is that we would be **gospel-centered** in every aspect of our life together. Is the **gospel** being proclaimed in our life of prayer, in our outreach, in our children's ministries, in our discipleship, etc.? We need to be intentional about this because this is God's intention for us, and this good news of Jesus Christ, we profess, is what has changed and now drives our lives.

In Colossians 1:24, the Apostle Paul says he has become a servant of the **gospel**. Paul had a special role of service God called him to, but all of us who believe are servants of the **gospel** like him. God is busy proclaiming this message to "every creature under heaven" (Col 1:23), and we are the primary heralds of this message. One of the things we are hoping to grow into, is

Scripture

Monday:

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul explains the power of the gospel in Col 1:6, how can we help those in our church and outside our church come to understand the gospel?

Tuesday:

Colossians 1:15-23

How does Christ being the head of the church shape the way we pray?

Wednesday:

Colossians 1:24-2:5

How can we develop a joy to serve the church similar to that of Paul?

Thursday:

Colossians 2:6-15

How can we continue to live our lives in Christ Jesus, and how can we help others do the same?

becoming a people who see everything through the lens of the **gospel of Jesus Christ**, and who are prepared to proclaim the beauty of this message as God leads us to these opportunities in our lives. God intends us to be a community that is not ashamed of the **gospel**, but living it and proclaiming it in all we do because this **gospel** is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

Friday:

[Colossians 2:16-23](#)

Are there places in which we have been caught up in being too legalistic?

Weekly Activity

In [Colossians 2:6-7](#), Paul urges the believers to live life in Christ, which includes overflowing with thankfulness. This week make a list of all the things you can be thankful to God about, and share that list with someone else.



Memory Verse

[Revelation 21:5](#)

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."



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