

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from June 29, 2008 “The Course of Discipleship”

Observing the text

What are our responsibilities in Colossians 1:28? How do proclaiming Christ, warning everyone, and teaching everyone in all wisdom characterize your relationships? How should they?

According to Colossians 1:28, what is the purpose of proclaiming Christ, warning, and teaching everyone in all wisdom?

What are some of the similarities between 1 Peter 2:2, Ephesians 4:11-16, Hebrews 5:12-14, and Colossians 1:28? What personal conclusions can you draw?

Spend some time in prayer about the ways you feel the most immature in Christ. Ask Him what you should be doing to mature in those ways.

Applying the sermon

When was the last time you “warned” someone about sin in their life? What did you do to prepare for that confrontation? What passage(s) in Scripture came to your mind? Have you followed up since? Was all done in love?

What form of teaching are you involved in (in the home, at church, etc)? How can you grow in teaching more effectively? Is Christ consistently at the center of your messages/communication and conduct?

Who has Christ laid on your heart the most to pray for and encourage that they might become mature in Christ? What do you need to do, or what have you done, to prepare for engaging them in some form of a discipleship relationship?

What is it that holds you back from toiling with all your strength to minister to others in Christ’s church? Spend some time in prayer and take these matters to the Lord. Read through these passages and take personal notes (Colossians 1:29; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Philippians 2:12-13; 2 Corinthians 3:4-6; 1 Corinthians 15:10; 1 Peter 4:10-11).