Community Group Discussion Questions For the week of November 17, 2019

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Read Colossians 1:24-29 together as a small group. What are some things that stood out to you from this passage and/or from Sunday's sermon? What was one bit of application you are seeking to apply to your life?
- 2. Read v. 24. What are some ways we suffer as Christians in the greater Vancouver area?
 - a. Are there times you've been tempted to avoid suffering at the cost of wavering in your God given mission? How might a Biblical understanding of suffering change the way you live your life?
 - b. What are some reasons we can rejoice in the midst of suffering?
- 3. Read v. 25-28. Paul felt his ministry was to reveal the mystery of Christ to the gentiles.
 - a. To whom do you feel God is calling you to minister? How can others support you in this task?
 - b. Read verse 28. We are told that everyone is to hear the message. Which people do you find most difficult to share the message with?
 - c. How do you feel God is calling you to join in the global cause of missions?
 - d. If the mission is to *proclaim* the gospel, what is the role of doing acts of mercy and caring for the hurting?
- 4. Read v. 29. Where do you currently feel like you're in the midst of great "toil"?
 - a. How might you lean more on the power and energy that God supplies instead of your own?
 - b. If we are depending on God's power and yet still don't experience the results we desire, what might that mean?
- 5. Spend time praying for each other, and specifically for the areas God has called each of you to be on mission.