**LifeGroup Study**

**YOU’RE RICHER THAN YOU THINK**

**You Are Really Rich**

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**Participant Notes**

**OVERVIEW:**

Welcome back to our series, You’re Richer Than You Think. This series is a walk through the book of Colossians. This week will look at Colossians 1:24-2:5 In this passage Paul talks about the great wealth we have in Christ. We are super rich. There is a phrase that is the password to the safe that is filled with all the amazing blessings we have. The phrase is CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY. There are amazing riches we find in our lives as we live out this truth - CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY. Today in group we’ll explore some of those riches. Our hope is that this week, as we explore the riches we have, we would experience the awe of Jesus, who He is and what He has done for us.

**ICEBREAKER:** Enter Password Here

You know the feeling, that experience of staring at the blinking cursor on your screen just below the words, “Enter Password Here”. It’s that feeling when you realize – “Oh no! I forgot my password!” What experience have you had of that time you just couldn’t remember your password? Do you have a system for remembering your passwords? Or do you have one password you use for everything? **Share a password story with your group!**  (but don’t give away your password! ☺)

**STUDY:**

1. On Sunday, Ken talked about the idea that the phrase CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY is our password to incredible riches. What did he mean by this? **What was a highlight for you from this teaching?**

READ: Colossians 1:24 – 2:5

1. Read vs. 24 again. Paul says, “I am glad when I suffer for you in my body … “ **How could Paul say this?**
2. Read vs. 25-26 about the message of the Gospel. **What does Paul mean that this message was kept “secret”?**
3. Think about how God has revealed His plan in your life. **What has God shown you recently about His plan for you?**
4. In verse 27, Paul talks about the “glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” **Why would Paul use this phrase “glorious riches”?**
5. Think about this idea of “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” **How can you treasure this gift God has given you?**
6. Read Colossians 2:1-3 again. **What does Paul want God’s people to experience?**

1. In verse 4, Paul tells the Colossians he is reminding them of these things so “ … no one will deceive you with fine sounding arguments.” Paul realized there are teachings and philosophies out there that can deceive us and lead us away from God’s truth. **How can we be on guard against false teachings today?**
2. Our hope this week is that you would experience the awe of Jesus, who He is and what He has done for you. **What from our time in this study has grown your awe of Jesus?**

**EXPERIENCE GOD**

Watch Eyes Fixed on You – Phil Wickham. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEBwGd1tom0>

Pray God, thank You for helping me keep my eyes fixed on You. Thank You for the rich treasure you have given us – Christ in you, the hope of glory!

**COLOSSIANS DEVOS:**

Each week of this series we’ll have 5 devotionals for you to read on your own.

Read the devos this week and notice how this habit enriches your walk with Jesus!

<https://www.creeksidechurch.ca/richer-than-you-think/>

**PRAY**

This week let’s pray for our local missions partners, P2C Digital, Kelley and Hannah. Creekside Supports Kelley Myles and Hannah Miller with P2C Digital Strategies in their online discipleship work.

* Please pray for Hannah:
For God to continue to bless the Persian online ministry, each mentor and mentee and give the leaders His wisdom and love. God's providing to have more funds for shifting to full time ministry.
* Her family and her health. Her parents are visiting in Canada. Please pray that God reveals Him to them and for Hannah and her siblings to know Jesus is the only truth.
* Mana, her daughter. Please pray for God's peace and comfort in her life.
* Pray for Kelley: For our Mentor Celebration night May 31 - that the night would spur our mentors on in their ministry and empower them to grow.

- For more Mentor Coaches, ideally, 3 more by the end of June but a regular rhythm of new ones coming one each quarter is what we'd like to see.

- For God to grow our staff team. Several of our staff have reached retirement age, praying for a new generation of staff with Digital Strategies to be raised up and fully funded to learn from our seasoned staff before they retire.