

# COLOSSIANS

## TREASURING CHRIST - LIVING FOR CHRIST

### **Colossians 1:24-2:5 - *The mystery of Christ***

*There are more questions here than you are likely to use; be selective!*

#### ***The Apostle's Ministry***

How would you describe Paul's ministry?

- Whom does he serve, and how?
- What does that mean for him personally?

To what extent do you think this description of apostolic ministry is a blueprint for all gospel ministry? How might modern-day ministry be different and why?

How can we encourage, support, and hold accountable those who minister to us?

#### ***The Apostle's Message***

What does Paul preach?

- Look at the different ways he describes his message in 1:25-27.

How does Paul preach, according to verse 28?

- What might it look like today to be 'admonishing and teaching everyone'?

Is it true of Magdalen Road Church that 'he is the one we proclaim'? If so, how can we ensure it remains that way? (If not, what can we do about it?)

## ***The Apostle's Goal - Maturity***

What do you think it looks like to be 'fully mature in Christ'?

Looking at 2:2-3, how can we all play a role in helping each other to this maturity?

- How does this fit together with the particular role of pastors and teachers?

Does it ring true for you that 'all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge' are in Christ?

- When are you tempted to look elsewhere? What helps, or might help?