STUDY GUIDE: KNOWING JESUS

"Faith That Doesn't Move" (Colossians 2:1-5)

Discussion Starters

1. Describe a situation where you have seen faith that isn't stable.

2. Describe a situation where you have seen faith that is stable regardless of what is happening.

Study: Read Colossians 2:1-5 in preparation for the following questions.

3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

--"struggle" (2:1)— --"encouraged" (2:2)— --"knit together" (2:2)— --"understanding" (2:2)— --"true knowledge" (2:2)— --"good discipline" (2:5)— --"stability" (2:5)—

4. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

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- 5. To what struggle is Paul referring in 2:1?
- 6. What wealth comes from the full assurance of understanding (2:2)?
- 7. How does Paul say unity comes to the believers (2:2)?
- 8. What does Paul mean when he refers to the "treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (2:3)?
- 9. To what "persuasive arguments" does Paul refer (2:4)?

Taking It Home (You won't be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

- 10. What should you do if you are not experiencing the "wealth" Paul refers to?
- 11. What "persuasive arguments" do you need to be careful of? How do you do that?