



***The Tyranny of Trying***  
***Colossians 2:6-8, 13-23***  
**Week of Nov. 10, 2019**  
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**Objective of this study:** To understand more about the life Jesus has provided for us, and how it's different than legalism.

[Remember, the main goal of each Growth Group is to allow God's Word to change your heart so that others would see Jesus in you and be likewise changed to be like him. He wants to change the world through us.]

**Worship (5 – 10 minutes)**

1. Sing a song or two of praise and thanksgiving to God.
2. Spend five minutes in silence asking God to prepare your heart for hearing his word. After the silence, have someone read **Micah 6:6-8** meditatively to the group. Pause after each phrase letting God speak to you. **Did anything "jump out at you"?**

**Welcome question**

What's the biggest (or a really big) thing you've changed your mind about?

[It's really important when doing this study that we each think about ourselves specifically and ways we need to grow, not how Christians in general need to grow. Do the hard work of letting the Holy Spirit speak to *your* heart.]

**Word/Work (60-90 minutes)**

1. What stood out from the sermon?
2. Read Colossians 2:6-8, 13-23.
3. **Sermon quote:** "Paul is concerned that we not fall into *false* righteousness based on *religious rules*. He's already discovered that to be a dead-end. The problem Paul is addressing here is that we might replace the *reality* with the *shadow*. We might commit ourselves to rites & rituals, rules & traditions, even strict regimes that involve self denial—all of which *seem* to make us holy—rather than energetically pursuing the true righteousness found in Christ alone."
4. Read Philippians 3:5-9. What things did Paul take pride in before, which he discovered were not the reality of what Christ provides and has in mind for us?
5. What does legalism look like these days?
6. What are the attitudes involved in legalism? Eg. fear, pride... what else? What are the false beliefs involved?
7. Why does legalism tend to lead to judging others?
8. Compare all this with Colossians 1:27 and 2:6-7. What does God have in mind for us instead of legalism? How does Paul instruct us to build our lives on Jesus and his grace?
9. For an Old Testament take on this, read Micah 6:6-8. How does walking humbly with our God counteract the beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of legalism?
10. What is your takeaway? What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart?

## **Prayer:**

Spend the rest of the time praying for each other. **Thank Jesus for who he is and the life he has provided for us!**

Here are some things you can pray about for the church:

- A. That, as a church, we would actively and purposefully engage in the mission of Jesus in Campbell River.
- B. Our church board and staff as they lead us to live out the mission of Jesus.
- C. River Kids ministry as they reach out to kids in our community.
- D. **Missionaries:: Ken and Deb Dewar.** (Check out the church [website](#) for how to pray for them.)
- E. **Local church: Christian Life Fellowship**

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