

Mystery – The Mystery of the Kingdom

Weekend Discussion Questions

February 28-March 1, 2015

Community:

1. What's your favorite mystery movie or novel? Why do you like it?

Core:

1. Take a few minutes to recap what you remember from last week—what still sticks out to you?
2. This week Jim was talking about how he just seems to experience God on a deeper level while he's in Africa. Do you have a place where you feel God's presence more or hear His voice clearer? Explain.
3. Today we're going to talk about prayer. If you were describing what prayer is to a friend, what would you say?
4. What does the typical prayer of an American Christian look like? How is that similar or different to the way the people in the Bible prayed?
5. Read Psalm 46:10. Why do you think the writer tells people to "be still" in order to know that God is God?
6. If you were going to spend time in prayer reflecting and meditating on one verse of Scripture, what would it be?
7. Read Colossians 2:6-7. What does it mean to "walk in" Jesus? What does it mean to be "built up" in Jesus?
8. Now read verse 8. What are some examples of the "philosophy", "human tradition", or "elemental spirits of the world" that Paul is talking about?
9. Take some time to reflect on Mark 1:14-15. What does it mean when Jesus says that the kingdom of God is near?

Challenge:

1. What does it mean to you when you hear that "God is near"?
2. What would change in your life if you were constantly reminded that God was near?
3. Pray that you would be continually aware of God's presence in your life throughout the next week.