

# Small Group Discussion Guide

Connected: We Are All Sent on the Same Mission

## **Discussion** (10 minutes)

*Name someone from a foreign country or another state to whom you feel connected. How did that connection begin? How do you maintain that connection?*

## **Word** (20 minutes)

Please read **Colossians 1:21-2:5**.

- At the end of verse 23, Paul says “This is the Gospel.” **What’s he talking about? How does he describe the Gospel?**
- In this passage, Paul characterizes himself as a servant of both the Gospel and the Church. **What does he mean by that?**
- **What is Paul’s “commission?” (1:25-27)**
- **What is Paul’s “purpose?” (1:28-29)**
- Paul has not met most of these people to whom this letter is addressed (2:1), yet he feels connected to them (1:7, 2:5). Discuss this connection. **Why does he feel so close to these Christians in Colosse?**

## **Application** (20 minutes)

- **Would you describe yourself as a servant of the Gospel and/or a servant of the Church? What does that look like for you? For your group?**
- **Do you see your financial support of Central’s local and foreign missions as a way to be of service to the Gospel and/or the Church? Which is more important: to personally volunteer or take the trips or to give money? How are they all valuable ways to “proclaim him?”**
- **What is your favorite part of Missions Month and why? Did we do something this month that particularly encouraged you or inspired you?**
- Colossians 1 emphasizes that God is the one who provides the success of any missions effort (1:11, 1:29). **How do we see that play out in and through our church? How does that manifest itself in your own ministry? Within your small group?**

## **Prayer** (10 minutes)

Pray together for all our local and foreign missions’ partners by name, by organization. Pray for Central’s role in supporting these Gospel works.