

Questions for the message on Sunday November 1st

Colossians Chapter 2; (to read the whole chapter or verses 6-10 and 13-23)

1. The Title of the message was “God’s Secret Plan.”
 - a. Why might God make secret plans and how can we uncover them?
 - b. What is ‘God’s ‘Secret Plan’ for humankind? – Try to expand the three word title into just two or three sentences.

2. What things on the ‘Christian pathway’ can you identify as ..?
 - a. some of the distractions that cause us to be attracted away from the path?.
 - b. some of the obstructions that can push us away from the path?’

3. How can we recognise these distractions and obstructions? And what can help us to avoid them and stay on the straight path?

4. Give examples of the kinds of ‘Added Stuff’ that can be found in the ways that some churches express their Church life. Can you identify those that are ...?
 - a. Not biblically identified, not ‘wrong’ as such, but merely human tradition.
 - b. Contrary to biblical standards and that ought to be avoided.

5. Can you identify beliefs or traditions that still might be ‘good practice’ even if they are not clearly biblical instructions? To what extent is it reasonable to justify including these in the ways that we ‘do church?’

6. What are the dangers of ‘legalism’ in the church today?
 - a. Internally, affecting the members?
 - b. Externally, impacting the community?

7. If Paul were able to come and visit us today, what things might he find that would be of encouragement to him and for which he would commend us?