

Faith Family Church

*Small Group Lessons
June Lesson Two 2008*

Labor

I. Opening:

A. Discussion:

1. QUESTION: What comes to your mind when you hear the word "labor?"
2. QUESTION: What's the hardest physical job you've ever had?

B. Read Colossians 1:28-29

II. What do You Think?

A. Questions.

1. To what end did Paul labor? (To present everyone perfect in Christ).
2. What do you think the word "perfect" means? (mature)
3. Who in your life do you see laboring to bring maturity to others?
4. How do they do their job? What methods do they use to mature others spiritually?

III. Going Deeper:

A. Proclaiming, admonishing and teaching.

1. What do these three words mean in Colossians 1:28?
 - a) Proclaim = "to preach"
 - b) Admonish – "to warn"
 - c) Teach = "to instill learning"

B. Discussion.

1. How can every follower of Christ labor through preaching, warning and teaching others?

IV. Application:

A. Discuss.

1. Why do many Christians try to avoid the labor Paul describes?
2. Are you presently helping someone grow in Christ? How's it going?

V. Closing:

A. Ask for prayer needs and concerns.

B. Close in group prayer.