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Grace Group Discussion Questions

"For this I TOIL"
Col. 1:28-29
Jerrel J. Haugen

- Was there any particular point of this message that encouraged, challenged, or convicted you? Why did it have that impact on you today?

- If toiling for Christ-centered gospel-based ministry were a crime, is there enough evidence in your life that would cause a jury to convict you of it? If so, praise God and excel still more! If not, do you sense the Spirit asking for a change in your life? Pray that we would all grow in our willingness to spend and be spent for the cause of Christ.

- Is it natural for you to view ministry as requiring toil? What aspects of ministry seem like toil? Are there aspects that seem like pure joy? What are those for you? Pray that we would be ministers who are willing to "pay the price" enjoying the pleasurable situations and walking into difficult or awkward situations for the sake of the gospel believing there will be a reward in the end.

- What are some of the "costs" of ministry in your life? Do you view these as toil, or are they simply an inconvenience? Pray that we would be people who are willing to go beyond mere inconvenience and truly toil for the sake of the gospel.

- Does the "cost" of ministry seem prohibitively high? Is the difficulty too much to bear? Do you feel like staying out of the game? Feel like quitting at half-time? Remember that we have been entrusted with a ministry that is worthy of, and requires our toil. Pray for endurance in light of Galatians 6:9.