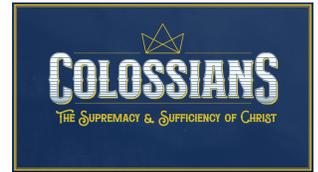


Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-23



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

This Christological hymn highlights the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ as Lord of creation, reconciliation, and presentation.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Before directly combating the false teachers in Colossae, what theological foundation does Paul establish in verses 15-23?
- What does it mean that God is invisible (John 4:24)? How do we reflect God's image and likeness (Genesis 1:27)? How does Jesus uniquely image the invisible God (Hebrews 1:3, John 1:18)?
- What is Jesus' role as the "firstborn of all creation" (Verses 16-17; John 1)? What does it imply about his nature, work, purpose, and worth? How does the reality of Jesus' universal Lordship influence how you live?
- What did Jesus accomplish by his resurrection from the dead (verse 18; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; John 14:19)?
- Discuss how this passage reveals the deity of Christ and his role in cosmic redemption (verses 19-22; Colossians 2:9-10; Romans 8:19-24).
- What is the default condition of the human heart (Verse 21)?
- Why was the incarnation necessary for our salvation (verse 22)? How has his shed blood radically changed us (verses 21-22)?
- What should be our response to God's glorious redeeming work (Verse 23)?
- How do we persevere and grow in faith and hope (verse 23)?