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“Nothing is more important for mature Christian discipleship than a fresh, clear, true vision of the authentic Jesus.”

[John Stott]

ENGAGE & CONNECT

What is a game (i.e. board game, sport, cards) you enjoy that requires a good strategy to win?
What’s your strategy?

BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Spend a moment praying this passage, beginning your time together in humility and gratitude!

“Turn my eyes from looking at what is worthless; give me life in your ways.”

[Psalm 119:37]

BIG IDEA

As long as ONE person is living apart from God or a church family, our mission is incomplete!

PASSAGE & DISCUSSION

Colossians 1:15-29

1. According to v. 15-17, how is Christ described in relation to creation? What does this tell us about His identity and role?
2. In v. 18-20, how is Christ described in relation to the church and reconciliation?
3. What does Paul say about the Colossians' former condition and what Christ has done for them (vv. 21-22)?
4. In the sermon we heard, *“Recipients of what Jesus has done become servants so more people can receive reconciliation to God and reach maturity in Christ.”* How are you doing at helping people receive God’s reconciliation and become mature in Christ? Let’s be honest with one another!
5. How does the truth that Christ “holds all things together” bring peace and courage to us as believers today?
6. In v. 23, Paul calls believers to continue in the faith, stable and steadfast. What causes you to waver in your faith at times? How can we remain steadfast?
7. Paul labors "with all His energy" (v. 29). What does it look like to serve God with His strength, not just our own effort?

8. If Christ is both the Creator and the one who lives in us, how does that shape how you see yourself and your daily life?
9. Paul focuses on presenting every person "mature in Christ" (v. 28). How can we as a small group help each other grow toward spiritual maturity and center every part of life in Christ?
10. Paul labors to make Christ known. How can our group work together to proclaim Christ in our community? What are specific ways we can encourage others to know Him?

STEP OF OBEDIENCE

What would it look like for you to live this week as if Christ truly holds all things together and lives in you? What is one step you can take to reflect His supremacy and share His love with someone in your life? Here are a few areas to consider *as we reignite the burden of our mission to connect people from all walks of life TO life in Christ ...*

- Getting **LOVE** right ... as God has loved us!
- Holding firm to **TRUTH** ... be in His word daily!
- Sharing His love **WITH** others ... let's be a blessing!
- Being **DISCIPLES** of Jesus ... He's inviting us to follow Him!

PRAYER FOCUS

**Over the next few months, we will include a short blurb about the Red Letter Challenge, along with a reflection question, so that our church family is encouraged to keep what we experienced last fall in mind.*

Red Letter REMEMBRANCE

GOING → We are Kingdom Seekers empowered by the Holy Spirit to share and live out the Gospel everywhere we go!

- How have you been GOING over the past few months?
- How is God inviting you to share and live out the Gospel more fully?
- Pray together that God would give you a heart to GO and to be obedient to His invitations!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Jesus Is All You Need & Colossians Ch. 1 Commentary](#)
 - Use these for background and encouragement before your group gathers.
- [John Stott's Dream Church](#)
 - This would be a good resource to use after your group gathers.