



Colossians: Jesus Over Everything

July 23 – Colossians 1:1-8 | Group Discussion Guide

Begin with Scripture, silence, and prayer (5 minutes).

Read Psalm 1 to begin. As we start a new sermon series, we want to orient our hearts and minds to knowing and loving God through his Word. Use this Psalm to help you do just that as you begin your time together.

After you finish reading, have a specified person in the group pray for your time together.

Split into smaller groups to read all of Colossians and discuss (25 minutes).

- Take 15 minutes to read Paul's letter to the Colossians aloud with one another. Divvy up who reads.
- Once you've finished reading, spend one minute in silence reflecting on any key takeaways or things that stood out to you.
- After that minute of silent reflection, share with your smaller group what resonated and why.

Come back together as a large group to talk about the sermon (20 minutes).

- In this message, Dan mentioned how, "For every problem, difficulty, and challenge we face in life, the answer is found in Jesus." Where have you found this to be true in your own life?

- How has your understanding of putting “Jesus over everything” impacted your daily life and decision-making process?
- Can you share a specific instance when you felt challenged to prioritize Jesus above all else? How did you navigate that situation? How do you handle moments of doubt or questioning when it comes to putting Jesus over everything? How do you find strength and reaffirm your faith during those times?
- In his sermon, Dan talked about (1) the impact of the gospel; (2) the growth of the gospel; and (3) the messenger of the gospel. Describe what each section was about and how it relates to Colossians 1:1-8.
- Think personally about those three areas from the last question and choose one of the following questions to answer:
 - How has the gospel impacted your faith, your love for others, and your hope?
 - In what ways have you seen the gospel grow in you? How has it changed you?
 - What would it look like for you to be a messenger of the gospel in your sphere of influence?

Finish with logistics and prayer (10 minutes).

1. Make sure to inform your group about the study devotionals available to help you walk through the Colossians text! You can find the material at thecreek.org/devotionals.
2. Also, be sure to challenge your group to memorize the verses for this week: **Colossians 1:3-4**. You’ll be asked next week to recite them in group!
3. Finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone’s prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.
 - What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
 - Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.