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Colossians 2020

“Building a Strong Foundation” Growth Group Study Guide

Week 2

Colossians 1: 15-23

The Supreme Question

Wk 1	02 Feb	Col 1: 1 - 14	<i>Praying Like Paul</i>
Wk 2	09 Feb	Col 1: 15 - 23	<i>The Supreme Question</i>
Wk 3	16 Feb	Col 1: 24 - 2:5	<i>Discovering Your Purpose</i>
Wk 4	01 Mar	Col 2: 6 - 15	<i>Deepening Your Roots</i>
Wk 5	08 Mar	Col 2: 16 - 23	<i>Pulling Out Weeds</i>
Wk 6	15 Mar	Col 3: 1 - 11	<i>Breaking Free From the Past</i>
Wk 7	22 Mar	Col 3: 12 - 17	<i>Hand Me Downs</i>
Wk 8	29 Mar	Col 3: 18 - 4: 1	<i>Making Relationships Work</i>
Wk 9	05 Apr	Col 4: 2 - 6	<i>Knowing What to Pray For</i>
Wk 10	19 Apr	Col 4: 7 - 18	<i>Why We Need Each Other</i>

Read Colossians 1: 15-23

Q.1 (v.15) What is the relationship between Christ and the invisible God?

Q.2 (v.15) What does Paul mean by “*image*”?

Q.3 (v.15) What is the relationship between Christ and creation?

Q.4 (v.15) What does Paul mean by “*firstborn*”?

Q.5 Does this mean that Jesus was brought into existence by God?

(Clue: ‘*This “firstborn” is a metaphor that distinguishes Christ from all created things as before them in time and as supreme. He outranks all things in creation*’ (NIV Application Commentary))

Discuss:


Q.6 (v.16) What did Jesus create?

Q.7 (V. 16-17) How important is it that Jesus is eternal and not created?

Q.8 (v.19) Define "*fullness*". Why is it important that Jesus has the fullness of God?

Q.9 Define "*reconcile*". How did Jesus bring about reconciliation?

Q.10 Contrast our condition before reconciliation (v.21), to our condition after reconciliation (v.22). How would you describe change that to someone?



Q.11 (v.21) In what sense were we enemies of God? What are the consequences?

Q.12 (v.23) What does reconciliation require of us?

Q.13 As you reflect on this passage, what comfort do you receive?

Q.14 As you reflect on this passage, what challenges you?

Q.15 What difference will this reflection have on you this week?
