

WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 2 - PREEMINENT

COLOSSIANS JOURNAL: Remind everyone to bring their journal to group. Read the Intro to the series on page 8 of your journal.

ICEBREAKER: Share a moment in your life when you felt truly amazed by something or someone. What was it about that moment that left you in awe?

CONTEXT: In Colossians 1:15-23, Paul describes the supremacy of Christ over all creation and His role in reconciling all things to Himself. This passage emphasizes Jesus' divine nature, His preeminence in all things, and the hope we have through His work on the cross. Colossians aim is to deepen our understanding and desire to surrender to the reality of Christ's impact on every aspect of our lives.

BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

OVERVIEW: Watch this 9 minute video from the Bible Project as a group or for individual study. (It is a little long so you may need to divide it into sections.)

 **Book of Colossians Summary: A Com...**

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 1:15-23

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

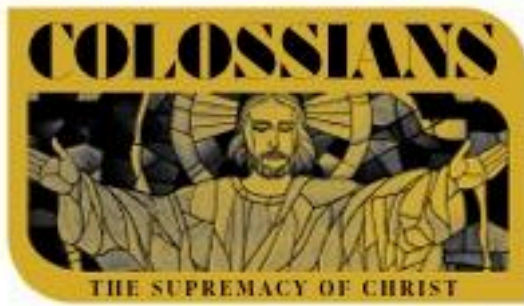
17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

STARTER QUESTIONS

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon over the weekend and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

What does this passage (Colossians 1:15-23) teach us about God, who He is, and His character?



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How does knowing Jesus is supreme and preeminent over all creation impact you on a daily basis? Internally (your heart and mind) and externally (your actions, responses to circumstances)?

Read verse 18. Share ways you see Jesus being the “head of” Crosspoint City Church. What negative impacts have you seen in churches where something or someone is put above Jesus?

Read verses 21-23. How is your life different from before Jesus rescued you and after you surrendered your life to Him? Give an example.

In verse 23 we learn that we must persevere in our faith, especially in difficult times. Share a difficult time that you persevered through that strengthened your faith and your “hope in the Gospel”.

The Book of Colossians is a significant part of our All To Him Discipleship Journey. What words or phrases in 1:15-23 help and challenge you in your personal All To Him journey?

PRAYER

Share praises, answered prayers and prayer requests.

Thank God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the image of the invisible God and the firstborn over all creation.

God, help us to see Jesus' preeminence in all things and to follow His example in our lives. May we be steadfast in our faith, reflecting Your love and peace to the world around us.

This community prayer from our Colossians Journal (pg. 12) is to be prayed over your group or in unison as a group.

Our prayer is that we would be people filled with the knowledge of God, strengthened by the power of God, and marked by the joy of God that we might live lives worthy and pleasing to Him. Amen!

B.L.E.S.S. UPDATE:

Review the BLESS principles and ask if anyone has an update to share.

Begin with prayer

Listen to their story

Eat with them

Serve them

Share your story and the story of Jesus