

WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 4 - WALK IN HIM

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

ICEBREAKER: Share a time when you had to trust someone completely. (Can be fun, serious, during team building exercises, etc.) How did it feel to rely on them, and what was the outcome?

CONTEXT: In Colossians 2:6-15, Paul encourages the Colossians to continue to live their lives in Christ, being rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith they were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. He warns them against being deceived by hollow philosophies and human traditions that are not rooted in Christ.

BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

OVERVIEW: Colossians aim is to deepen our understanding and desire to surrender to the reality of Christ's impact on every aspect of our lives.

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 2:6-15

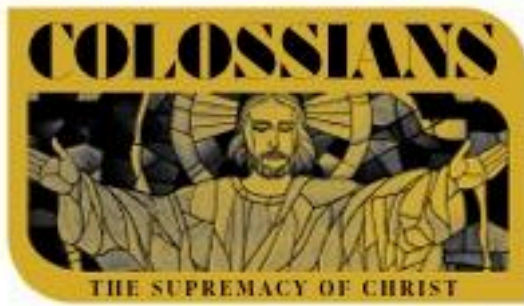
6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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 2:6-15) teach us about God, who He is, and His character?



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Begin your discussion with the group reading Colossians 2:6-15 out loud. There is power in the spoken Word.

Look at the 4 underlined "in" statements in verses 6-7. Using your sermon notes in your journal, together talk about what each of the 4 "in" statements mean and which one is the most difficult for you to live out?

How does Paul describe the supremacy of Christ in this passage? (Col. 2:9-10)

What are the dangers of being taken captive by "philosophy and empty deceit" as mentioned in Colossians 2:8?

What are some examples of human and religious traditions that can distract us from following Jesus?

Pastor James talked about spiritual circumcision being a matter of the heart not the body. (Read Romans 2:29) How does this change your perspective on your identity in Christ?

In verse 12 Paul writes about the symbolism and importance of baptism. Have a few people share their baptism experience. How does verse 12 expand your understanding of baptism and its importance.

As Paul shares the Gospel message in verses 13-14, what is your heartfelt response?

PRAYER

*For a deeper and more responsive prayer time, get into smaller groups of 4-6 people made up of people of the same gender. A group prayer journal is recommended.

Share praises, answered prayers and prayer requests.

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior and Lord. Help us to walk in Him, rooted and built up in our faith. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit, and let our lives overflow with thankfulness.

Protect us from deceptive philosophies and human traditions that lead us away from You.

Community prayer from our Colossians Journal (pg. 12). Pray 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