



Colossians: Jesus Over Everything

September 3 – Colossians 2:6-15 | Group Discussion Guide

Begin with silence and prayer (5-10 minutes).

Begin your time together in silence. In your silence, acknowledge that the Lord God, the Creator and Sustainer of everything and everyone, is worthy of all praise.

After you have finished reading and sitting in silence, have someone in the group pray for your time together.

Spend a few moments reciting your memory verse from last week: **Colossians 2:2-3**.

Split into smaller groups to read the text and discuss (15 minutes).

- Take a few minutes and read Colossians 2:6-15.
- Once you've finished reading, answer the following questions:

Verses 6-7:

1. What action is Paul challenging the church to do?
2. What three words/phrases are used in verse 7 to describe how you are to live out faith?

Verses 8-10:

1. What do you think were the philosophies and empty deceit Paul mentions here?
2. How would these things hold someone captive?

Verses 11-15:

1. How did God make us alive with Jesus?
 2. What do the debt and legal demands mentioned in verse 14 refer to?
 3. What was the impact or purpose of those legal demands? Do you still feel the weight of them?
- Once you've finished with these questions, spend one minute reflecting on your conversation. Is there anything that's sticking with you from God's word?

Come back together as a large group to talk about the sermon (30 minutes).

- What was your biggest takeaway from the sermon this week?
- What was something hard to hear or something that challenged you this week from the sermon?
- Pulling from verses 6-7, is there an area of your life that is hindering your "walk" with God? What do you need to do to stabilize your walk? What could you remove that is creating a barrier?
- What are some "hollow" or "deceptive" philosophies (verse 8) you've encountered in the world or today's culture?
 1. How have you dealt with these philosophies?
 2. How are we to deal with others who are held captive by them? Read Jude verses 17-24; Proverbs 24:11.
- In verse 9-10, it says your debt has been *cancelled*. Is that hard for you to believe? Why or why not?

Spend time memorizing Scripture (10 minutes).

Actually take a few minutes to break apart and challenge your group to begin memorizing Colossians 2:6-8.

Finish with logistics and prayer (10 minutes).

1. Make sure to inform your group about the study devotions available to help you walk through the text of Colossians! You can find that study material at thecreek.org/devotionals and on the [Tether App](#)!
2. Also, be sure to challenge your group to memorize the verses for this week: Colossians 2:6-8. You'll be asked next week to recite them in group!
3. Finish your group session with prayer. Break everyone down into triads to end the night with prayer for one another. In the groups, have people share "What is on your heart that you need prayer for?" and then spend time praying.