



Colossians: Jesus Over Everything

July 30 – Colossians 1:9-14 | Group Discussion Guide

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

Read Psalm 62:1-12 to begin. As we continue this sermon series, we want to orient our hearts and minds to contemplating our great salvation. Use this Psalm to help you do just that as you begin your time together.

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

Split into smaller groups to read Colossians 1:1-14 and discuss (20 minutes).

- Take five minutes to read Colossians 1:1-14.
- Once you've finished reading, answer the following questions:
 1. According to verses 10-12, what are the specific ways we live a life worthy of the Lord?
 2. According to verse 12, why are we to give thanks to the Father? How does growing in spiritual wisdom allow you to see your inheritance in the kingdom of light? Who qualifies us to share in the inheritance?
 3. Read verses 13 and 14. According to these verses, what did God do for us? How has God delivered us? How is it that we are qualified to share in the inheritance of God's holy people?

- 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? Be prepared to share that with your whole group.

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

- Have each person in the group share what stuck with them from their time in Colossians 1:1-14.
- In his sermon, Dan gave us the central thesis of this passage: **God's great salvation summons us to a life of full devotion.** What from these verses talks about your great salvation? What in these verses talks about a life full of devotion?
- How does this passage inspire you to "live a life worthy of the Lord?" Look back over the past year. In what areas have you grown? What events, choices, or activities have sparked that growth? In what ways did God meet you in those pursuits to cause growth?
- When it comes to our great salvation, Dan mentioned several elements: our inheritance, being saved from the dominion of darkness, citizenship in the kingdom of light, redemption, and forgiveness of sin. What do each of these ideas mean? How have you experienced them in your life?
- When it comes to a life of full devotion, Dan mentioned several elements here as well: bearing fruit, growing in the knowledge of God, relying on strength from God, and joyfully giving thanks to God. How have you grown in your knowledge of God? How can you actively continue to seek growth in your knowledge of God and allow it to transform your actions and impact those around you? How does the idea of being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, impact your perspective on overcoming challenges and facing adversity in your own life?

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 text of Colossians! You can find that material at thecreek.org/devotionals.
2. Also, be sure to challenge your group to memorize the verses for this week: **Colossians 1:12-14**. 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.