
Small Group Discussion Guide — September 28, 2025

- Series: All in All
 - Sermon: “Lord Jesus”
 - Scripture: Colossians 1: 15-23 (NLT)
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FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST WEEK

What was your experience in trying to live with an “up and out” perspective this week?

CONNECT

1. What stood out for you from this week’s service, and why?
2. What topic could you give a 20-minute talk on with no prep?

ENGAGE

Read Colossians 1: 15-23.

1. According to verses 15-17, what is Christ’s role in all of creation? What are some things that stand out to you about what He does? How do these verses expand your view of Jesus’ power and authority?
2. Read verses 18 again. How might remembering Jesus as “head of the Church” shape how we view and participate in the Church today?
3. In verses 19-20, Paul says God was pleased to reconcile all things to Himself through Christ’s blood on the cross. What does “reconciliation” mean in this context? Why is it significant that *only God* could hold and heal all the unreconciled (broken, separated from Him) pieces of our lives?
4. Take a moment to read verses 21-23 silently, replacing the word “you” with your own name. How does this exercise change the way you hear these words?

APPLY

1. This passage says that Jesus existed before anything else and holds all things together (v. 17). Think about one or two things going on in your life that are difficult and challenge your faith. How does this truth about Christ holding all things together help change your perspective of the problem, and how can it bolster your trust in Jesus, allowing you to release any worry or stress to Him?
2. Gnosticism in Colossae suggested people needed “Jesus plus something else.” It was a point of pride and superiority to think you had the exact correct understanding of how to become righteous — or at least more righteous than everyone else. What are some modern “Jesus + ____” temptations in the church or culture today? How do you discern when something good (like prayer, justice, or spiritual gifts) is being elevated above Christ Himself?

3. The clarity of the Christian faith is this: Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life, and no one comes to God except through Him. This is not a theoretical truth — it's a personal one. How challenging a truth is this to you? Percentage-wise, how much do you believe this? If it's difficult to believe, what are some obstacles for you? (Share honestly and be graceful with each other in this question.)

PRAYER

Father, the clarity of the Gospel is so beautiful, and what a gift it is to us: "Jesus plus nothing." It is simple, and yet profound. You alone are Lord. Yet, we're so naturally prone to add onto this truth — trying to earn our way into your freely-given grace. Forgive us for this, Father, and help us to see ourselves as You see us, desperately lost and in need of a Savior, and more beloved by You than we could ever imagine. Thank you for this glorious truth, and please help us to live in its freedom. Amen.

GOING DEEPER

Each day this week, remind yourself that Jesus is King. King of creation, King of all mankind, King of the universe, King of everything. Take a moment to evaluate the way you live each day. What do your habits, thoughts, words, and actions reveal about who holds kingship in your life? If it's not Jesus, confess this to Him and ask Him to transform your heart to submit to His authority and to accept the undeserved love He is offering you in each moment.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

Acts 17: 21

John 1: 1-3

John 14: 6

QUOTES

"By His actions Jesus is demonstrating, 'I am not just someone who has power; I am power itself. Anyone and anything in the whole universe that has any power has it on loan from me.'" *Tim Keller*