

## **Colossians: Week Two**

Have the group read **Colossians 1:13-29** prior to coming to small group. Ask them to take notes on what they see in this passage and to read it over and over again before coming. The goal of this week is to enable your small group to understand the weight of Christ and his overwhelming supremacy. In understanding this we should move towards a life of worship and obedience.

### **Opening**

What do the words supremacy and sufficiency mean to you? Define these terms.

### **Discussion**

How can you better understand the gospel just from reading v. 13-14? What do we learn about Jesus from these two verses?

What do we learn about Jesus from v. 15-20? (There is a ton of stuff in here so take time to really dig in). How should this affect our view of Jesus?

How do these verses establish the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ?

Read v. 21-22. What are the implications of realizing that we were once alienated, dwelling in evil, but that through Christ we are presented as holy, blameless, and beyond reproach?

Why is Paul so committed and passionate about being a minister of the gospel as seen in v. 24-26?

In light of what Paul has said thus far, how do v. 27-29 fit in? What is the purpose?

### **Application**

How should gaining a better understanding of Christ and his supremacy and sufficiency be played out in our lives?

How can we work on submitting to Christ's clear authority in our lives?

One of our responses to understanding this passage is to go to God in worship and thanksgiving. How can you daily respond in worship to the fact that you have been fully redeemed through Christ's work on the cross?

In v. 27-29 we see that Paul's passion for these truths causes him to tell others about the gospel. What can you do to be more proactive about telling others and teaching them these truths?

## **Conclusion**

These seventeen verses are critical in understanding the fullness of who Christ is. Paul clearly establishes Jesus' authority over the believer in light of his great redemptive work on the cross. We as believers and disciples of Christ should seek to be obedient and submissive to Christ in light of what we learn about Him from this passage.

This should become our encouragement and passion which overflows to every area of our lives. If we take time to dwell on these great truths it will be difficult for us to not allow them to penetrate every area of our lives.

Our hope, our only hope, is in Christ and Christ alone.

## **Prayer**

Take time to thank God for redeeming us through the blood of Christ. Thank God that it is clear to us that through Christ alone we have hope of restoration to our Creator. Pray asking God to help you to be obedient to his authority and passionate about living out his gospel every day.