- 1) Read Colossians 1:15-19. What does this text teach us about Jesus, who is he and what has he done?
- 2) Read Colossians 1:21-22. Why did God need to "reconcile to himself all things"? What causes something or someone to be unreconciled to God?
- 3) What is the link between our sinfulness, alienation from God, hostility toward God, evil deeds? Explain how, apart from the cross, we are in a hopeless spiritual predicament.
- 4) Reflect on times you sinned personally. Can you quantify all the effects of your sin?
- 5) Paul Tripp says, "Sinful people respond sinfully to being sinned against. Sinful people respond sinfully to blessing." Why is that true?
- 6) Do you agree that sinfulness is our condition, not a result of any situations? What is the difference between the two? How do our situations inform or influence the way we sin?
- 7) Read Proverbs 14:12. How does this text apply to the way we often think about our sin?
- 8) What does Jesus death on the cross teach us about God and about how God sees us?
- 9) What prevents a person from being reconciled to God?
- 10) How should Jesus reconciling death impact us every day, not just at the time we put our faith in him?