

19 For God in all his fullness

was pleased to live in Christ,

20 and through him God reconciled

everything to himself.

He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth

by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

21 This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. **22** Yet now he has reconciled you to himself

through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

— *Colossians 1:19-22*

Discussion/Journal Questions

Share one of your favorite action movies. What makes this movie so memorable?

Have two or three people read Colossians 1:19-22 out loud slowly. After a some time of reflection, ask each other what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to everyone. What questions come to mind as you meditate on this scripture?

In the movie, Top Gun: Maverick, the lead character faces the challenge of reconciling with the son of deceased friend. Reflect on a time when you have had a conflict with a close friend or family member. Were you able to reconcile that relationship? Why or why not?

In Colossians 1:21, how does Paul describe our former relationship with God?

What does it mean for you personally to be reconciled to God?

What can we learn about reconciling with other people from how Christ reconciles us?

Is there someone you have a conflict with that you need to pursue reconciliation with? What steps can you take to pursue reconciliation? How can your group pray for you?