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MAIN SCRIPTURE: Colossians 1:15-20 (NLT)

¹⁵ Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,

¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth.

He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—

such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.

Everything was created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

¹⁸ Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body.

He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead.^[b] So he is first in everything.

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.

WARM-UP

- What stood out to you from the message?
- What aspect of God and His character amazes you the most? What aspect of God and His character challenges you the most?

(Below you will find the main points of this week's sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)

Thought #1 – What does God look like?

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- By saying that “Christ is the visible image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15), Paul is painting a picture of Christ as One who is big and supreme. He does so by presenting Christ as creator, sustainer, and reconciler. Do you think most people see Jesus in these roles? Why or why not?
- Pastor Kevin said, “Jesus is bigger than only one part of the story”. What is the danger of reducing Jesus to only one part of the story? The Gospel? The Bible?

Thought #2 – Christ (God in the flesh) is absolutely Huge and Supreme!

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- Pastor Kevin said, “Jesus didn't come to earth on behalf of an angry God. Instead, Jesus came in God's fullness – out of love – leaning in fully to reconcile His people.” It is easy for some to only see God as a God who is mad all the time, constantly angry at the state of the world. Yet, God is a God of love who has gone to great lengths to bring redemption to the world through Jesus. He is not done saving us. How should this affect our view, regard, and experience of those who do not know or obey Jesus?
- Pastor Kevin said, “For those of us being restored, we are also invited into the process of restoring.” Think of nature, our city, relationships with those inside the church, and relationships with those outside the church. How can we be restorers?

Thought #3 – This Big God sees you!

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- Pastor Kevin closed with this thought, “Jesus is supreme, creator, sustainer, and reconciler of all you see. And, he sees you as well. He pursues you, and because of what He has done for you, you can have a relationship with Him”. As a group, reflect on this thought. How does this

