

## Reflecting on Colossians 1:15-23

### Life Group Discussions | June 25, 2023

**Note:** Many of the questions used in our discussions come from the MacArthur Bible Studies book, “Colossians & Philemon: Completion and Reconciliation in Christ” (Thomas Nelson, 2007). Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in getting a copy of this book.

### DISCUSS

- 1) The Bible uses many titles and descriptions for Jesus Christ; all reveal something about His Person or work. Which of these names for Jesus means the most to you? Why?

Savior	Lord/Master	Rabbi/Teacher
Lamb of God	Good Shepherd	Son of Man
Creator	Messiah	Great Physician
Lion of Judah	Way, Truth, Life	Redeemer
Other:	_____	

2) Twice Paul used the word *firstborn* to speak of Christ. What does this term suggest, and how does this concept compare with the phrase “that in all things he should have the preeminence”?

3) What is reconciliation? Define it simply.

4) What is *our* role in becoming the people God created us and saved us to be (v. 23)?

5) What is the connection between the fullness of Christ’s deity (vv. 15-19) and the complete reconciliation of sinners (vv. 20-22)?

6) What new insight into the Person of Jesus Christ have you gained from this study? Is there something you've learned that you did not understand before?

## **PRAY**

- How would your life look if you truly gave Christ the place of preeminence? As you pray together with your Life Group, pray that God would make your life look this way.
- Think of the people in your sphere of influence who are still in desperate need of God's reconciling grace. Share their first names with your Life Group and pray for opportunities to share God's invitation to reconciliation (i.e., the gospel) with them.

## LIVE

- Ask someone whom you have a discipling relationship with to help you assess areas of your life that may need to be yielded to Christ's preeminence (e.g., anger, worry, impatience, lack of grace, etc.). Then ask this brother or sister to pray with you. As you do, confess your sins to Christ, and ask Him to have preeminence in every area of your life.
- Ask someone in your Life Group to pray for you to have at least one gospel conversation this week.
- Contact someone in your Life Group who has yet to join in our Sunday discussions and invite them to attend.  
**Note:** You may need to make some time to get to know this person before he or she will be open to a discipling relationship. Be willing to make this investment as you both seek to make Christ preeminent in your lives.