



Created By Him and For Him – Colossians 1:16 January 17, 2019

Read and Examine – As you read the passage together consider these questions:

- Read Colossians 1:15-20.
- In your own words what is the main point of the passage?
- What do we learn about Jesus in this passage?

Apply – Consider how God intends this passage to shape your life.

- On Sunday we applied some of the truths of this text to the issue of the sanctity of human life. What are some current issues in our society that are shaped by our understanding of the worth and value of human life? In light of all the different issues related to the sanctity of human life what is required of us to maintain a consistent pro-life ethic?
- What are some specific ways you could be used by God to champion the sanctity of human life?
- How would you minister the grace of God to someone struggling with guilt, shame, and hurt because of an abortion? What specific passages would you use as you minister to them?
- As those who have been created by God we are under the authority of God. What does it mean to live every area of our lives under the authority of Jesus? Why is submission to the authority of Jesus joy producing and not drudgery? Are there areas of your life in which you are not submitting to the lordship of Christ? How can you as a CG help each other live in joyful submission?
- In our text we see that we were made by Christ and for Christ. What are some other things we can find ourselves living for? What dissonance should we expect to see in our lives when we live for that which we were not made to live for? What should we expect to see when we *are* living to make the glory of Jesus more fully known?
- What is something that really stood out to you in this passage/sermon?

Pray – You've been hearing from God in his word now respond to him in prayer

- Thank God for the surety of his word in troubled times.
- Ask God for grace to live in joyful submission to his lordship and for the sake of his fame among all people.