

SERMON GROUP STUDY GUIDE

What was the most significant thing you learned from the sermon or something in the sermon you didn't quite understand?

INTRO

According to the sermon, Brad outlined how Scripture is Christ-centered:

In the Old Testament, Jesus is _____.

In the Gospels, He is _____.

In Acts, He is _____.

In the Epistles/Letters, He is _____.

In Revelation, He is _____.

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - COLOSSIANS 2:6-8

For context, read Colossians 1:3-8: how does Paul refer to what the Colossians heard and were taught by Epaphras?

- How had the Colossians "received" Christ?

Read Psalm 1:1-3; Acts 2:42; John 15:1-8 to grab more context for the following questions:

- How does this inform how they are to "walk" in him?

- How does this idea of having been rooted in Christ inform how we are to be built up in him?

- Why does Paul warn believers against being taken captive by human tradition and deceptive philosophy?

- How does overflowing thankfulness, produced by revisiting the foundational truths of the gospel, protect us from spiritual drift and deceptive teaching?

TAKEAWAYS

CHRIST IS THE STANDARD BY WHICH ALL DOCTRINE IS TO BE MEASURED

Colossians 2:6, 8; 1:14-15; 2 Timothy 3:14-15

- How well do you truly know the Christ of the Scriptures - the One who redeems, rules, and contains all wisdom? Are you vulnerable because you're only vaguely familiar with Him?

- How clearly can you articulate who Christ is and what He has done according to Scripture, if you were asked to explain it today?

- By what standard are you actually measuring teaching and ideas? The Scriptures and Christ revealed in them or what sounds convincing, popular, or useful - especially when it aligns with your political instincts, your social media feed, viral clips, or the voices of influencers, friends or family you trust?

ABOVE ALL ELSE, GUARD YOUR HEART

Proverbs 4:23; John 15:5

- What are you currently allowing to influence you that weakens your daily dependence on Christ?

- Are you trying to live or grow in any way or any area as if you could do it apart from Jesus?

- What commitments must be renewed daily so you remain rooted in Christ?

- What do you need to cut out of your life so you are not taken captive by ideas that pull you away from Him?