

Leader Discussion Guide

Trusting Christ — Colossians 1:13–22

Sermon Summary

This Easter sermon centered on the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus Christ in Colossians 1:13–22. Paul answers the question, “Why must we trust Christ alone?” by showing that Christ alone delivers sinners from the domain of darkness, rules over all creation as the image of the invisible God, and reconciles enemies to God through the blood of His cross. The message calls both unbelievers and believers to respond: the lost must repent and trust Christ, and the saved must stop drifting and put Christ back in first place.

Main Points

1. Christ Delivers (vv. 13–14): He rescues us from darkness and transfers us into His kingdom.
2. Christ Rules (vv. 15–18): He is the image of God, Creator of all things, Sustainer of all things, and Head of the church.
3. Christ Reconciles (vv. 19–22): He makes peace through the blood of His cross and presents believers holy and blameless before God.

Overview for Leaders

Use this guide to help your group move from information to response. Keep the focus on Christ’s person and work, not mere moral improvement. Encourage both doctrinal clarity and honest heart-level reflection.

Discussion Questions with Suggested Answers

1. What does it mean that we were delivered and transferred?

Suggested Answer: We were under the authority of sin and darkness. God rescued us and placed us into Christ’s kingdom. Salvation is a complete change of position and identity, not self-improvement.

2. Why is Jesus called the image of the invisible God?

Suggested Answer: Jesus fully reveals God. He is not merely like God; He is the perfect revelation of God. To see Christ is to see the character and glory of God.

3. What does it mean that your life is for Christ?

Suggested Answer: Verse 16 says all things were created through Him and for Him. That means our lives are not self-directed. We were made for His glory, His purposes, and His rule.

4. What does 'in Him all things hold together' mean?

Suggested Answer: Christ sustains the universe. Nothing exists or continues apart from His power. This shows His absolute authority and ongoing involvement in creation.

5. What does being presented holy and blameless mean (v. 22)?

Suggested Answer: Through Christ's death, believers are reconciled to God and counted righteous before Him. This is not earned by works but given by grace through faith.

6. Do you believe you were separated from God before Christ?

Suggested Answer: Scripture says we were alienated and hostile in mind. Help the group see that sin is not small or neutral; it is real rebellion against God that only Christ can heal.

7. How do people try to make themselves right with God today?

Suggested Answer: Through good works, religion, morality, comparison, or self-effort. Emphasize that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

8. Which truth impacted you most and why?

Suggested Answer: This question helps move from knowledge to transformation. Encourage honest personal reflection.

9. Is Jesus truly Lord in your life?

Suggested Answer: Guide the group toward surrender. Many acknowledge Jesus as important without actually submitting to His rule.

10. What step do you need to take?

Suggested Answer: Encourage specific response: repentance, faith, obedience, restored priorities, or renewed trust in Christ.

Leader Tips

Keep the conversation centered on Christ, not behavior modification. Press gently for heart-level honesty. Be ready to explain the gospel clearly if someone is unsure about salvation. Emphasize grace, truth, and response.

Final Challenge

Call participants to respond. If they are not saved, urge them to repent and trust Christ. If they are saved, urge them to stop drifting and put Christ back in first place.