

Lord of Creation and Reconciliation

Colossians 1:15 - 23 // John Corrigan // 11.22.20

As we near the Advent Season and remember God's gift coming down to us, we know that the baby born in Bethlehem was Lord and King at His birth! This Sunday we looked at Colossians 1:15-23 and saw that this King Jesus is the Lord of creation as well as the Lord of reconciliation. Because of this all of creation will be restored and those in Christ will be part of a new creation who will worship their King forever!

Discussion Questions

Read Colossians 1:15-17

1. What do we learn about Jesus' role in creation in these verses? What does it mean to say that Jesus is "the firstborn of all creation"?
2. All things were created through Jesus, and all things are held together by Him. Because of this, we know that He is able to take care of the "things" in our lives. Is there an area of your life that you need to start trusting Jesus with? Regarding this, how can your community group be praying for you?

Read Colossians 1:18-20

3. What does it mean to say that Jesus is "the firstborn from the dead"? What can we learn from these verses about Jesus' relationship to the church?
4. Those who belong to Christ are a part of His "new creation"; a people who are forgiven, reborn, and citizens of God's kingdom. This sounds wonderful, but it can be difficult to live day by day feeling that these things are true. What activities/habits/disciplines help you to re-center yourself in this reality?

Read Colossians 1:21-23

5. According to these verses (and others) if not for Jesus, we would all remain "alienated and hostile" toward God. Is there a person you know who seems to be hostile toward God? Will you, as a community group, commit to praying for one another's friends who need Jesus?