



### **Week 1- "Is It Really About Jesus"**

**It seems that everywhere you look in our nation and culture you bump into many different opinions and stances, and it seems as if fighting for something is front and center of our lives. In this series we want to take a few weeks to discuss what RockPoint has decided to stand on, what we are fighting for, and who we are. It is our hope that this discussion will invite you to also ask yourself "What am I fighting for, and is it sustainable?"**

1. How would you describe what you are fighting for?
2. In what ways has your life and relationships been impacted when you fight to build your own kingdom (your opinion, political bias, cultural stances)?

#### **Read Matthew 20:25-27**

3. Have you ever been impacted by a Church that fights for something other than who Jesus is, and what He stands for? If so, what was that experience like?

#### **Read Colossians 2:1-22**

**Paul is sharing with his readers that he is fighting for a real understanding of Jesus, surrendering in trust to Jesus, an acceptance of our need for help only found in Jesus, allowing Jesus to change us, heal us, and make us who we were meant to be.**

4. In verse 20 Paul asks the question: "Why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules?" Why is this question important to ask yourself?

5. How does Paul's encouragement to fight to know Christ, surrender to Him, and make Him known, bring clarity to what you should fight for?
6. How can knowing what Jesus calls us to fight for help trigger us to recognize when we are building our own kingdoms instead of surrendering to Him?
7. Is there something valuable you are searching for by holding tight to your own opinions, and little kingdom, that you need to look to Christ for?
8. What step can you take this week to surrender to Jesus?

**Over the next few weeks we want to look at the idea that in both the secular and religious world we seem to be inundated by “an appearance of wisdom”, “self imposed worship”, and pictures of “false humility”. It seems as if everyone is fighting for their own little kingdoms. Our hope is that we can take the time to look at how we want to fight to point people to Jesus, and not to ourselves. We want to help each other discover, develop, and deepen a relationship with Jesus.**