



## Study in Colossians

### DINKY TOWN—Cosmic Christ

- ➔ Most scholars believe the name Colossae comes from the word COLOSSAL
- ➔ Colossae, however, was comparatively a small (dinky) town in the Lycus River Valley of Asia Minor
- ➔ Only the Christ of the Colossian church was COLOSSAL! (see vv. 15-20)
- ➔ Three Sister Mission Stations: Laodicea, Hierapolis & Colossae
- ➔ The whole region was...

- \_\_\_\_\_... prone to frequent \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_... well-known for a local breed of \_\_\_\_\_

### BACKDROP OF THE EPISTLE OF COLOSSIANS (Colossians 1:1-9a)

- ① Author – \_\_\_\_\_ (& \_\_\_\_\_)
- ② Recipients – Christ-followers at \_\_\_\_\_
- ③ Purpose: Help new believers be \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPLE #1: What you \_\_\_\_\_ really matters.

PRINCIPLE #2: If what you believe is false, your \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ will not honor God.

- ④ Affectionate Prayer (vv.3-9a)
  - Thanksgiving
  - Trinity of Virtues – Faith, Love & Hope
  - Worldwide Spread of the Gospel
  - Church-Planter—Epaphras

### IDENTITY & ROLE OF CHRIST IN CREATION (Colossians 1:15-17)

- ① Visible \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- ② \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Over All Creation
- ③ \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ of All that Exists
- ④ \_\_\_\_\_ of All Things

### IDENTITY & ROLE OF CHRIST IN THE NEW CREATION (Colossians 1:18-20)

- ① \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church
- ② \_\_\_\_\_ of Resurrection Life
- ③ \_\_\_\_\_ over Everything
- ④ Incarnate \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- ⑤ Universal \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ through Death



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## Study in Colossians LifeGroup Questions

### Prayer

Take a few moments to go around and ask how everyone's week is going. Ask the Holy Spirit to be in the midst of your study and conversations today.

### My Story

Who is one of your biggest role models? What character traits have they shown to earn that status? How do you react when that person fails to live up to that standard?

### Digging Deep

1) **Read Colossians 1:1-2.** The book of Colossians was written to a small group of believers in Colossae by the Apostle Paul while in prison. And although Paul had never been to Colossae or visited these believers in person, he cared deeply about this community's faithfulness to the gospel. Discuss how his example reflects how we should care about God's church around the world today. How does your concern for other churches and believers compare with Paul's?

2) A.W. Tozer once said: "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." The book of Colossians was written to help believers have proper belief and thinking about Jesus Christ. When a non-believer asks you to describe Jesus, how would you answer?

### Digging Deeper

3) **Read Colossians 1:3-9a.** List the ways that Paul is praying for this church. What kind of emotional tone is Paul writing with here? How do your prayers for other believers and churches compare with Paul's?

4) **Read 1 Corinthians 13:13.** Compare this verse with the usages of faith, hope, and love in Colossians 1:5. Talk about how each of these three virtues are incorporated into the lifestyle of a believer in the gospel. (HINT: Faith is based on past truths; Love is what we do in the present; Hope is our anchor for a better future.)

5) **Read Colossians 1:15-17.** These verses speak of Christ's cosmic role over ALL CREATION. In your own words, what do you believe the following expressions mean?

- The Son is the image of the invisible God
- All things have been created through Him and for Him
- He is before all things
- In Him all things hold together

6) **Read Colossians 1:18-20.** These verses speak of Christ's cosmic role over the NEW CREATION. In your own words, what do you believe the following expressions mean?

- The Son is head of the body, the Church
- He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead
- In everything Christ might have the supremacy
- The Father was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Christ
- He made peace through His blood, shed on the cross

### Taking it Home

7) **Read Colossians 1:13-14.** Apparently God runs an active rescue operation. What does it mean to be delivered from the dominion of darkness? What does it mean to be brought into the kingdom of the Son?

8) During Sunday's message, our pastor repeated the question: "Do you have the right Jesus?" Did you make any new discoveries about Christ through this passage of Scripture that better inform you about the true identity and role of Jesus Christ? Explain.

### Praying Together

As you close in prayer, remember to ask God to give each of you a clearer, more accurate view of who Jesus really is and what He came to earth to accomplish. Pray that we may be bold in sharing the gospel so that others may see the real Jesus as Scripture reveals Him to be.