



Take Jesus' Message Seriously
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Colossians 1:17

"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

1. Designed for GOOD

- a. Gen 1:26-28, 31; Colossians 1:15-16

2. Damaged by EVIL

- a. Genesis 3:4-7; Col. 1:21

3. RESTORED for Better

- a. Col. 1:19-20, 22; 2 Corinthians 5:16-19a

4. Sent to HEAL

- a. Luke 4:18-19; Col. 1:28-29

5. EMBODY the Message

- a. Col. 1:17; 2nd Corinthians 5:19b-21

Home/Group Study

"We (older generations) can't simply hand faith to adolescents or emerging adults – they have to birth it through the work of the Holy Spirit. Leaders and trusted adults, then, are more like midwives in this process."

Read 2nd Corinthians 5:16-21

1. In which of the 4 cycles do you find yourself currently? (Designed for Good, Damaged by Evil, Restored for Better, Sent to Heal) Are you satisfied with where you are in your faith? What keeps you from moving to the next stage or living out the current stage fully?
2. Paul, in this 2nd Corinthians 5 passage, proclaims that when we are in Christ the old has gone and the new is HERE! Are you living in your old life? New life? Or somewhere in between? Why?
3. What are you personally doing to take Jesus' message seriously? What regular rhythms have you (or would you like to) established in your life to connect with Jesus?
4. After considering the words from the opening quote... what are you doing to help your family, spouse, friends, our city, our church take Jesus seriously?
5. Discuss some of the difference you see between the Church today VS. the church when you were younger. How have things changed?
6. What words and phrases does our church use to talk about Jesus, the gospel, and evangelism? How do you think other generations, including young people, respond to that language?