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## Wonder of Worship II December 30, 2018

<sup>15</sup> *The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.* <sup>16</sup> *For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him.* <sup>17</sup> *He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.* <sup>18</sup> *And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy.* <sup>19</sup> *For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him,* <sup>20</sup> *and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.*

Colossians 1:15-20

### Worshipping Jesus Means...

#### 1. Reordering

Colossians 1:15  
Matthew 6:31-33

#### 2. Relinquishing

Colossians 1:18  
Luke 9:23-24

#### 3. Rejoicing

Colossians 1:19-20  
Philippians 3:10-11  
Psalm 16:8-10

### Home/Group Study

*“Made for spirituality, we wallow in introspection. Made for joy, we settle for pleasure. Made for justice, we clamor for vengeance. Made for relationship, we insist on our own way. Made for beauty, we are satisfied with sentiment. But new creation has already begun. The sun has begun to rise. Christians are called to leave behind, in the tomb of Jesus Christ, all that belongs to the brokenness and incompleteness of the present world ... That, quite simply, is what it means to be Christian: to follow Jesus Christ into the new world, God’s new world, which He has thrown open before us.”*

— N.T. Wright, *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*

1. As you read the quote by N.T. Wright, why do you think we are so willing to settle for so little when Jesus offers so much?
2. How do you know if you put Jesus first in your life?
3. Is there anything you treat as more significant than your relationship with Jesus? If so, what would help you reorder your priorities?
4. What do you think it means to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus? How do you know if you are actually doing that?
5. How can you experience joy even when things aren’t going your way?