

THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY:

Christmas time is a long-anticipated holiday that countless people look forward to. From the lights to the gatherings, to the presents, and food, people love the holiday season! What if there is more to Christmas than just the holiday traditions? What if the traditions are supposed to lead to something or someone greater? Paul in the book of Colossians shows us that Jesus is the substance that we must center our celebration upon. When we make Jesus central over all things, we'll have reason to celebrate this amazing season!

Key Passages: Colossians 1:15-18

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone.

The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.

What is something that you are thankful for this week?

What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

Read Colossians 1:15. What does "Jesus is the image of the invisible God" mean?

Read Colossians 1:19. How much of God can we learn from Jesus?

Colossians 1 shows us that Jesus is supreme over all things. What does this truth mean in relation to the difficulties of your life?

GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

Does your family have a tradition that helps you focus on Jesus during the Christmas season?

In verses 15-23, what attribute or action of Jesus stand out the most to you? How does that attribute apply to your life right now?

Most of us can likely acknowledge that Jesus should play a more central role in our lives. What keeps you from pursuing Him more intimately?



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