

Focusing on Jesus in a Blurry World:
Focusing on Jesus' Supremacy – Part 1
Sermon # 4, Colossians 1:15-20

Main Point: *Jesus is supreme over everything and deserves first place in my life.*

Getting to Know You

1. If we were to ask your friend this question about you: "What are some things that are important to (your name)?" what answers would they give and why?

Getting into the Book:

Read Colossians 1:15-20

2. Why do you think this passage is included in the Bible? (Leader: remind the group that the Colossian Christians were confronted by false teachings about Jesus which threatened to mislead them.)
3. How is the title "image" being used? See Hebrews 1:3. What does this title tell us about Jesus' nature? See also John 12:45; 14:9.
4. How is the term "firstborn" being used? See Psalm 89:27. What does it not mean (Answer: "first created")? What does this title tell us about Jesus' nature?
5. What do verses 16 & 17 tell us about Jesus' role in creation?
6. Compare the title of "head" to the head on a physical body. What role does the head of a body play that illustrates Jesus' position as "head of the church" (1:18)? What does this mean for how our church should function?
7. What does it mean for you as a Christian for Jesus to be "the firstborn from the dead"? See also 1 Corinthians 15:20, 23 & 1 John 3:2-3.
8. Read 1:19. What are the implications that the "fullness of God dwells" in Jesus? (Remember, "fullness" means "filled to capacity.")
9. According to 1:20 what has Christ's death on the cross accomplished for us? Given the exalted nature of Jesus, what do you think about the fact that He shed His blood for you?

Getting out There

10. In what areas of your life do you need to give Jesus His proper place as first?

Prayer

Spend time in your group using the titles for Jesus' nature in Colossians 1:15-20 to worship Him.

Bonus Exercise

Work on memorizing Colossians 2:8 together.

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ."