



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

DATE December 6

BIBLE PASSAGE

Colossians 1:15-20

1. KNOW THE CONTEXT

The book of Colossians is a letter written by Paul to the church in Colossae, which was a tiny back woods kind of town. The people of this tiny town were sold out to the idea of following Jesus, and that is why Paul is writing them a letter. He wanted to encourage them and remind them of all the goodness of God.

The passage that we are reading today is very poetic and has lots of metaphors and comparisons. Some people think these verses are an ancient worship song that some of the early Christians would sing together, just like we sing on Wednesday nights.

2. READ THE BIBLE PASSAGE TOGETHER

3. SPEND TIME IN OBSERVATION

Which verses, ideas, or characters stuck out to you?
What questions could come from this passage?

Observation notes:

Questions:

4. SPEND TIME IN INTERPRETATION

What did this passage mean to the original audience?

What would it have felt like to be a character in this passage, and who in the passage is the hero/role model (if any)?

What's the main point of this passage?

Questions	Answers
What does Christ being the image of the invisible God mean?	Jesus is God. But not only that He is also the fullest representation of who God is and What God is like. So, Paul says this here to remind us of the importance of Jesus. He is kind of a big deal.
Did Jesus create everything?	There are a couple of places in the New Testament that show Jesus as the creative mind behind everything we see (Heb. 1:2; John 1:3). Jesus definitely played a pretty important role in creation. This is why He was ready to die for us because he made us.
Why is Christ the Head of the Church?	Jesus is the example that we are all trying to follow. He is the one who helps us know the best version of life to live. So, He is our leader, the brains of the operation, and that is why his is the head of the church.
How did God reconcile everything to himself through Jesus?	Reconcile is a big word that means "putting things back in order". That is what God did in Jesus, He put our lives back in order. When we put our faith in Jesus and in all he did for us by dieing and raising from the dead we are reconciled to God.

5. SPEND TIME IN APPLICATION

What is the "universal truth" God wants to teach us from this passage?

How can we apply the message of this passage to our daily lives?

How can we practically remind ourselves of what Jesus has done for us?

If this was a an ancient song, what kinds of songs can we listen to in order to remind us who God is?

What are some ways this passage helps us better understand Jesus?

6. PRAY

Follow-up notes: