

Series Title: #everythingchanges
Title: Worshiping the King of the Gospel
Passage: Col. 1:15-20
February 2, 2014

Overview:

Last week's passage ended by describing the incredible salvation that we should thank God for. Paul closes by reminding us we have been brought into the Kingdom of the Son that the Father loves, the one in whom we have redemption and forgiveness. This week's passage actually continues that sentence with a beautiful description of this Son that the Father loves. It is a passage that should lead us to worship.

Engaging with each other

1. Pretend you were asked to introduce someone in your group to a person or an audience who did not know them. How would you describe them? To make this more fun, put everyone's name on a slip a paper and take turns drawing names and then introducing that person as if they were the guest of honor for the night.

Engaging with the text

1. Have someone read the passage out loud (Col. 1:15-20). Then, have each person give a one-sentence summary of what they were thinking or feeling as they listened.
2. Verse 15 is what we might call the thesis statement for the whole passage. Two key words are "image" and "firstborn." What is Paul conveying with each?
3. Spend some time discussing what "the fullness of God" means. (v.19. See also Col. 2:9)
4. How does Paul describe the relationship of the Son to:
 - a. Creation
 - b. the church
 - c. the reconciliation of all things
5. Note the repetition of the words "all, all things, and everything". What does this imply about the scope of the gospel?

Engaging with our lives

1. Having studied this passage, how would you answer someone who asked you how they could know God?
2. Reflect on the fact that one of the “all things” that has been reconciled to God is you. Where might you be if not for this reconciling work of Christ?
3. Before sharing any personal prayer requests, take some time to thank and praise God for who He is and what He has done.