



SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 1:1, 2:6-15 & Galatians 2:20

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Guideline:

Before you begin your discussion and reading of Scripture, pray. Ask God to enlighten you, to show you where he has been at work and present in your past week through moments and people. Ask Him to illuminate your discussion and reading. Listen, and notice, what may God be bringing to your group for discussion?

For starters:

What person has been a “rock” in your life, or an exceptional source of support or encouragement? What is it that makes you remember him or her this way?

Other than your faith, what helps you when the going gets tough?

Next, as you can in your group, read aloud and slowly **Colossians 1:1, 2:6-15 & Galatians 2:20**. As you can take turns and read aloud these verses again, this time from a different bible translation.

See the following questions that may assist you in your discussion.

1. What does “living in Christ” (Col 2:6) involve (see Col 1:10-12)? What does the phrase “rooted and built up” imply to you?
2. What are “the basic principles of this world” (Col 2:8) and the “powers and authorities” (Col 2:10,15)? How did Christ give the Colossians victory over these?
3. What experiences does the believer share with Christ (Col 2:9-13)?
4. At Col 2:11-15, Paul describes some of what “fullness in Christ” includes. Which of our basic needs did Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection meet?
5. When have you felt as if the “roots” of your faith in Christ were barely below the surface? What’s helped to sink those roots deeper?
6. When do you find your faith growing the most? Is that always an enjoyable experience?
7. How does knowing Christ is superior and has more authority than any and every power in all creation give you conviction and courage in the face of the obstacles you meet?

Spend some time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you realize evermore Christ at your center -- what that means for you and your fellowship right now. Ask His help to strengthen and enliven your faith. Go forth this week emboldened in the reality of Jesus Christ at the center of it all, amen.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).