



## SDG Discussion Guide

### Colossians 1:15-16

July 5, 2020

#### 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 guide and enliven your group in your readings and discussion.

Next, as you can in your group, read aloud and slowly **Colossians 1:15-16**. As you can take turns and read aloud these verses again, this time from a different bible translation.

#### For starters:

What is the grandest or awe-inspiring place or thing you have ever seen or experienced in person? How did that make you feel? What perspective did you gain, if any?

Or, what is one grand or awe-inspiring place or thing you would like to see or experience in person, and why?

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

1. What is a key point or take away that stuck with you from the sermon this past Sunday, "Jesus Over Everything (part 1)"? Why did it stick with you?
2. Who is Jesus in relation to God (v 15a)? How did Paul describe God (see 1 Tim 1:17; John 4:24)? What does it mean that Jesus is the "image" of God (see Heb 1:3; John 1:18; 14:9b)?
3. What does the phrase "the firstborn over all creation" teach us about Jesus (see John 1:1-2)?
4. How does verse 16 explain the scope, means, and purpose of Jesus' creation (see John 1:3)? How is Jesus continually involved in his creation (v 17)?
5. Does your awe of Jesus increase by dwelling in and studying this passage (it should!)? Elaborate.
6. Considering your challenges and struggles, what hope or encouragement does the supremacy of Christ over all things give you?
7. The Colossians had a difficulty in remembering the deity of Jesus. Is there anywhere in your own life where you have been treating your relationship with Jesus more like a human one, rather than as a relationship with the God of the Universe? In what ways does this reminder give shape to your circumstances now and perhaps any actions you need to take this week?

#### Prayer:

Lord, how we marvel at you and your creation. How astonishing that you too marvel at your creation, including us. Thank you for loving us. We love you, too, in Jesus' name, amen.