



## SDG Discussion Guide

### Colossians 1:17-18

July 12, 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 1:17-18**. As you can take turns and read aloud these verses again, this time from a different bible translation.

#### For starters:

How are you -- now four months along in the valley of quarantine? Really, how are you?

Who is someone from your life that "held it together" in and through challenging situations? What were they like?

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 stayed with you from the sermon this past Sunday July 12, "Jesus Over Everything (part 2)"? Why did it stay with you?
2. Read John 15:5-6. What is the key to producing fruit in the life of a Christian? What does it look like for someone to "remain in Jesus"? What might it look like not to "remain in [Jesus]"?
3. Was there an event or time in your life where you were clearly "led by the Lord" -- impulses you believed to be from Him that guided your actions? Elaborate.
4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, then discuss the statement of DL Moody: "Death cannot exist where Christ was." What consolation do you gain in this difficult season if any?
5. Read Revelation 5:11-14. How are you challenged by these four verses in the throne room where Jesus is? How are you encouraged? When was the last time you fell prostrate on the ground or bowed a knee to honor Jesus as your Lord and worship Him?
6. Share an instance or time in your life that was especially memorable where you experienced Jesus as utterly good to you or your family or church.
7. Jesus is over everything, especially this pandemic and the challenges we face as individuals, families, societies, and nations. Has the study through 1 Colossians given you perspective on current events and if so, what?

#### Prayer:

Lord, you are strong, lofty, majestic, eternal, ruler of the last living being in creation, King and preeminent and glorious and beyond our highest expectations. You are good, and kind and humble enough to dwell among us and in us. What a Savior we have in you our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, **AMEN**.