



SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 1:19-20

July 19, 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 1:19-20**. As you can take turns and read aloud these verses again, this time from a different bible translation.

For starters:

Under what circumstances do you most enjoy reading the Scripture? For example, before sunrise and with coffee, etc?

What music or musician do you most enjoy or appreciate? How does that music make you feel?

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 19, "Jesus Over Everything (part 3)," or that stayed with you from the entire sermon series on Colossians? What will you remember about Colossians going forward?
2. The Scripture teaches that we need Jesus Christ to be positionally right before God, to be in harmony in relationship with God. What was your life like before you knew Jesus in your life (assuming you do know Jesus)? Can you relate to being "out of harmony" with God when you were in this state? What was that like?
3. How did you come to know Jesus (assuming you have)? What happened? Share a bit about how you came to know Jesus and what he's meant to you. If you have yet to know Jesus, share what you might like to know or discover about him.
4. Read aloud Romans 1:12-14. How does the Scripture inform your need for Jesus or not?
5. Read aloud Romans 5:6-11. What stands out to you? What encourages and why?
6. In under one minute, in your own words, what is the Gospel? Be encouraged as you hear each other share in this way.
7. By what means are you finding solace, healing, or soothing during this time of our world's displacement from its prior "normal" where there's plenty of confusion and uncertainty? Share what has been a genuine help to you in this way.

Prayer:

Lord, you remain the supreme, all-sufficient, Lord of all Creation and Lord of all Reconciliation. You are over everything and at the same time you are right now with us. Thank you for the shed blood of Jesus that has reconciled us to God making peace in our hearts and harmony in our relationship with you and thus with others. Above all, thank you for loving us first. We love you, too -- more than our words and prayers can express, through Jesus our One and Only, **AMEN**.