



## SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 1:21-23

July 26, 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 1:21-23**. As you can take turns and read aloud these verses again, this time from a different bible translation.

### For starters:

What is one “highlight” and one “lowlight” from your past week or so?

What movie or television series have you enjoyed during the quarantine or at any time? Was there a theme of reconciliation of some kind, and if so, what?

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 26, “My Fair Christian (part 1)”?
2. Drawing from your own experience, what comes to your mind when you think about the term “spiritual transformation”?
3. What does Paul mean when he says that the Colossians used to be “alienated, hostile in mind”? See Ephesians. 4:17-20 for reference.
4. Imagine for a minute what it would be like to be alienated from your closest relationship or a close group of friends or colleagues. How would that make you feel?
5. Now think of someone you know who does not know Christ, perhaps someone with whom you have had less than an easy time connecting about spiritual things. Remembering the previous question and how it would feel to be alienated, realize that spiritually this person may feel similar because of their possible lack of reconciliation to God. How might you better relate to them, love them, engage them with the hope that is within you now that you freshly appreciate their spiritual disposition?
6. What are the three terms Paul uses to describe the reconciled whom Christ will present (v. 22)? Describe each of these terms and how you relate to the concepts or not.
7. Re-read Colossians 1:12-14. Spend some time comparing 1:12-14 with 1:21-23. What do you notice? How does one passage help explain the other?

### Prayer:

Lord, thank you that you are a God that makes things new, in Jesus’ name, *AMEN*.