



SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 2:6-10

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For Starters:

As a child, what did you think a “religious” person was like? How did you feel about that person?

Did you consider your parents “permissive” or “strict”? Why? (Did they have a lot of rules for you, or just a few? Which one was the biggie?)

Guideline: The following is meant to provide an approach for further interaction with the respective sermon text and surrounding passage. Feel free to forward to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find this write up in print on that Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together and prayed, what points and questions arise? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these points and questions. Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions you may use to guide your interaction with the text.

1. What does “living in Christ” (v 6) involve (see 1:10-12)? What does the phrase “rooted and built up” imply to you?
2. What are “the basic principles of this world” (vv 8, 20) and the “powers and authorities” (vv 10,15)? How did Christ give the Colossians victory over these?
3. What kind of circumcision is done by Christ (v 11)? How did he do it (vv 12-15)?
4. What experiences does the believer share with Christ (vv 9-13)? What implications are drawn from this (vv 13, 16-17, 20-23)?
5. What is the result of trying to base one’s relationship with God on rule keeping or on private visions, as the false teachers were doing?
6. When have you felt as if the “roots” of your faith in Christ were barely below the surface? What helps you to sink those roots deeper?
7. What additions to the faith have you encountered from people who try to encourage you to be “more spiritual”?
8. What speaks to you most from this passage? Are you moved to any action that you can share with your group?

Spend plenty of time in prayer. Ask God to speak to you about what is truly most important in your life right now. What is essential? What is nonessential? Ask God to reinvigorate your heart for Him to be the number one love and priority in your life. Allow plenty of silence in your prayer time... pray according to what you believe God may be bringing to mind and laying on your heart to pray....

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