Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Getting Jesus Right

Colossians 1:15-20

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Get to Know You

Who is your favorite sports figure or celebrity? What made them great?

Study the Book

Read Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus reveals God's nature.

What are different ways that we learn about God?

What do John 14:9 and Hebrews 11:3 tell us about learning about God?

How do we evaluate our own or someone else's ideas about God to know the truth about Him?

What can we know about our invisible, unknowable God?

Jesus sustains God's creation.

Explain in your own words what it means that all things were created "by Him," "through Him," and "for Him" (v. 16) when speaking of Jesus?

What examples from Scripture do we have that show Jesus' power over creation?

Jesus leads God's people.

God's people, this wave this movement called the church, is the beginning of God's new work on this fallen world. And Jesus leads the way as the firstborn from among the dead: He was raised to resurrection life after His death on a cross, and all who unite with Him are mystically connected to that resurrection life, too. He is our head, and that means that collectively, we are his body.

Pastor Tom

Why might some see the church as something that gets in the way of one's spiritual search or spiritual growth?

Read Ephesians 3:10. According to this verse, what is God's intent and the church's responsibility?

Jesus saves God's beloved.

What was God pleased to do in verses 19 & 20? Explain this in your own words.

Group Application and Discussion

How does the description of Jesus in Colossians 1 come together on the cross?

Looking at this whole passage, how would you describe what happened on the cross?

Personal Reflection and Application

Have you placed your faith in Jesus Christ for salvation? Would you like to do this today? If yes, talk to your Life Group leader.

Have you been taking for granted God's gift of salvation? Reflect this week on the greatness of this free gift to you.