



## Colossians: Jesus Over Everything

October 15 – Colossians 4:2-18 | Group Discussion Guide

**Begin with silence and prayer (5 minutes).**

*Begin your time together in silence. In your silence, acknowledge that the Lord God, the Creator and Sustainer of everything and everyone, is worthy of all praise.*

After you have finished sitting in silence, have someone in the group pray for your time together.

Spend a few moments reciting your memory verse from last week: **Colossians 3:18-4:1**.

**Split into smaller groups to read the passage and discuss (15 minutes).**

Take a few minutes and read **Colossians 4:2-18**. Once you've finished reading, answer the following questions:

- What two things does Paul ask prayer for in verses 2-4? Do you pray for these things? Why or why not?
- How does Paul encourage the Colossians to interact with "outsiders" in verses 5-6? Would you say you interact in this way with non-believers? Explain.
- Who are all the people mentioned as he wraps up this letter? What do these people tell you about Paul, ministry, the church, and living missionally?

Once you've finished with these questions, spend 1 minute reflecting on your conversation. Is there anything that's sticking with you from God's Word? Share this with the group.

**Come back together as a large group to talk about the sermon (30 minutes).**

- What resonated from this sermon? What challenged you?
- In his sermon, Emerson begun by talking about how we are to be a "missional" people. **Read John 20:19-22.** Do you *feel* missional in your life? How do you reconcile that feeling with the fact that the Lord *is sending* you? What would need adjusted in your life for "sent-ness" to be characteristic of you?
- Emerson also talked about **missional prayer**. How is your prayer life currently? Do you continue steadfastly in prayer and remain watchful? How can you deepen your commitment to prayer and cultivate a more missional posture in your prayer life?
- Let's move to Emerson's second point in which he talked about **missional interactions**. **Read Acts 3:1-10; Acts 8:26-39; and Acts 17:22-34.** What do you learn about the missional interactions of the early church?
- In what ways are you actively seeking open doors for the proclamation of the gospel in your daily life? How can you make the "mystery of Christ" manifest through your words and actions?
- How do you conduct yourself toward those outside the faith? Do you walk in wisdom, making the best use of your interactions with outsiders?
- What would it mean to have your speech "seasoned with salt?"
- Lastly, spend some time thinking about your **missional relationships**. Are you actively engaged in fostering a sense of community and unity among fellow believers? How do you contribute to the strength and encouragement of the Church? In what ways can you extend greetings, support, and commendations to your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ?
- What is a practical way you can do this as a new week begins?

**Finish with logistics and prayer (10 minutes).**

1. Make sure to inform your group about the study devotions available to help you walk through the text of Colossians! You can find that material at [thecreek.org/devotionals](http://thecreek.org/devotionals).

2. Also, be sure to challenge your group to memorize the verses for this week:  
Colossians 4:5-6.
3. Finish your group session with prayer.

Instead of breaking everyone down into triads to end the night with prayer for one another like usual. Spend some time engaging in missional prayer. Ask each person in your group who in their life they'd like to see drawn to the Lord. Then, as a group, pray for those people.