## **COLOSSIANS 1:15-23**

## **Treasure the Supremacy of Christ (1:15–20)**

Christ is to be treasured because He is our Creator

Christ is to be treasured because He is our Sustainer

Christ is to be treasured because He is our Redeemer

## Cling to the Redeeming Work of Christ (1:21-23)

God has reconciled believers to Himself through Christ's sacrificial death

Be <u>resolute</u> in your dependence upon Christ

## Questions:

- 1. What was confusing, convicting, or encouraging from this study of Scripture?
- 2. Why would people find the statements in Colossians 1:15-20 so offensive? How would you respond to someone who thought these claims were ridiculous?
- 3. Jesus is the image of the invisible God: how would you describe what Christians believe about Jesus and his deity to a friend?
- 4. How do you feel about the importance of church in general, and your church in particular? How have the ideas of this passage changed those views?
- 5. Could you explain in a way that a non-believer could understand the reasons why Jesus had to become a living, breathing human being in order to save us?
- 6. How does Jesus' sacrificial death make peace? What could be offensive about that claim?
- 7. What has changed in your own life since you first trusted in Jesus? What steps do you need to take to remain "stable and steadfast" in your faith?
- 8. "Holy", "blameless", "above reproach" (v 22). How would believing these truths to be accurate descriptions of yourself change the way you live and feel about your Christian life?