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This guide is designed to guide a group discussion around the weekend sermon. You can also use this as an individual, but we highly recommend finding a friend and inviting them to discuss with you. Menlo Church has Life Groups meeting in-person and online using these guides. We'd love to help you find a group: [Click here for our group finder.](#)

What you will find in this guide:

A discussion guide for groups and individuals. If you are using this as an individual be sure to engage with each question in a journal or simply in your mind as you prayerfully consider what you heard in the sermon and seek to discover what God is inviting you to know and do.

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide for Groups and Individuals

September 25, 2022 – Scott Palmbush

Colossians: Following Jesus

Every group is different; please choose the questions that relate best to your group, and don't feel like you must get to every question.

Connect

- Did you learn something that required practice when you were younger? (musical instrument, sports, knitting, riding a bike/skateboard, etc.)
- What were some basics or fundamentals of learning and practice that you needed?

Engage

Read Colossians 1:15-20

- What does this passage teach about Jesus that you have not noticed before?
- What is Jesus' relationship to the church?
- What did Jesus make possible through his 'blood, shed on the cross'?
- What is Jesus' relationship to all creation?
- Jesus is Lord. This passage paints that picture clearly, but are there areas in your life that you struggle to give over to the Lordship of Jesus?

Apply

- What is something outside of God that you devote a lot of time and energy towards?
- What is a helpful spiritual practice for you to keep that devotion from becoming an idol? For example, if it is your phone, do you practice leaving it at a certain spot for hours without picking it up?

- Scott highlights our need to look at the right Jesus. Consider these three titles for Jesus:
Savior - Jesus frees us from slavery to sin, and death has no grip on us for we have been rescued from the kingdom of darkness and brought into the kingdom of light.
Friend - Jesus states that “greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13 Jesus demonstrates God’s deep love for us. Jesus knows us completely and loves us. We are beloved children of God.
Teacher - Jesus is our great master in how to live a life in the way of God. Jesus invites us to become his apprentices or disciples in learning this way of life. When we enter the school of Jesus, we find that God is transforming us deeper into someone that reflects the fruit of the spirit and the image of Jesus to the world.
Which one of these titles of Jesus do you need to move deeper into this week? How will you acknowledge Jesus as your Savior, Friend, or Teacher this week?

Practice for the Week

Start studying Colossians on your own, with a friend or as a group. We have made a webpage with resources and a study worksheet for each week of this series.

<https://menlo.church/colossians>

Prayer

Spend time as a group sharing how you want to look at the real Jesus this week, and then offer prayer for each other. Each person in your group offer to pray for someone else in their journey with Jesus this upcoming week. Remember to reach out and encourage that person by text or a good conversation over coffee during the week.

Going Deeper

Menlo Midweek Podcast:

Tune in every Wednesday for a conversation with the previous week’s speaker. It’s a deeper dive into the message and an engaging time to learn, reflect, grow—and have fun. Join us as we journey through the Unlikely Witness sermon series together!

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/menlo-church-sermon-podcast/id129950807>

Colossians Resources:

<https://menlo.church/colossians>