GROUPS
Following Jesus Together

All Things: Colossians

Scripture: Colossians 1:1–23

Big Idea: All things find meaning and purpose in Jesus.

Questions for Connection (*Use these to help start conversations.)*

1. What's the best candy ever, and what's the worst?
2. If you had to pick one possession from your house to save in the event of a catastrophe, what would it be?

Stop and ask Jesus to guide the discussion from here.

Read Colossians 1:1–23

1. Paul describes life in God's Kingdom as marked by endurance, patience, and joy. Which of these comes most naturally to you, and which is the biggest struggle? Why? When life gets difficult, what tends to happen to your patience with God or others?

2. Paul prays that the Colossians would grow in their knowledge of God and live lives that please Him. Why do you think knowing what Jesus teaches doesn't always translate into us actually living it out?

3. What's the difference between believing Jesus is Lord over everything and actually living as though everything belongs to Him? What areas of life are easiest for you to treat as your own rather than His?

4. All things find meaning and purpose in Jesus. Looking back, when is a time Jesus brought meaning to a hard or confusing situation in your life? Is there a current circumstance you are searching for Jesus to show you purpose in?

5. Jesus is preeminent, which means he has the highest rank of importance and authority. What would practically change in your everyday life if Jesus truly had first place in your priorities, decisions, and relationships?

6. "Disagreeing with the way God sees you is not humility." How do you respond to that? What's the difference between being humble about our weaknesses and letting them define us?

7. We are a reconciled people who are holy, blameless, and above reproach. If you had to describe yourself in your everyday life, would you define yourself this way? What words would you use? How does your life and thinking change when you use his definition of you instead of how you normally describe yourself?
   Pray for each other over this before you close the group.