

## Community Group Discussion Q's: Week of Oct 7th - Colossians 2:1-7

Hello again Community Group Leaders. Please find our second batch of discussion questions below.

I hope the first week's questions were helpful for you and produced some fruitful conversation around the sermon. I heard from some of you that you only got through the first four questions or so—and that's okay! Remember, our goal is not to "get through" the content but to gather together in biblical relationships, focus upon and discuss Scripture together, and in doing so to be shaped into the image of Jesus!

As you begin your group time this week, open in a word of prayer and welcome Jesus to your group. Ask him to guide your discussion and enlighten your understanding—then dive in!

God bless you as you meet together,  
Gary

- To serve as a refresher, read through Colossians 2:1-7 again as a group. For those who heard the sermon, what was something that stood out to you? Was there anything particularly helpful? Anything that confused you?
- "Assurance. Good order. Firmness of your faith. Rooted. Established." These words express Paul's desire for the Colossians and their understanding of the gospel:
  - What is *your* understanding of the gospel? Where did *you* originally learn it? Was it clear or was it confusing? Were there holes in your understanding or was it coherent? Are there holes in your understanding today? Where? How could you fix those holes?
- The sermon touched on the idea of our worldview as believers in Christ and how seeing things through the "lens" of Jesus changes how we view the Old Testament—and even life itself.
  - What were some of the examples Jonathan used of how the "lens" of Jesus clarified / interpreted the Old Testament?
  - What are some examples of how the "lens" of Jesus changes how we view life? In other words, how does faith in Christ impact the way someone sees and *thinks* about life issues (money/sex/power, relationships, work, eternity, justice, etc, etc)

- Col 2:4 touches on not being swayed by “plausible arguments”. Our world is full of information—some of which is helpful and some of which is not! If we don’t know Christ and the gospel really well, we might be deluded by plausible arguments:
  - Share some examples of what you are reading / watching / listening to in your life. What are some underlying assumptions of those examples and do they line up with Scripture? Do they fit in with the view that Jesus is Lord or do they compete with his kingdom?
- When it comes to action—to living out your faith in the world around you—where are you gifted to serve in the church? How are you reaching out to the community? How could you?
- Pastor Jonathan mentioned how we need *both* good doctrine *and* action in our life as Christians—not one or the other. Where do you think you fall in those areas? Do you lean one way or the other? If so, what could you do to address that?
- Thankfulness: What is one thing that you didn’t think that you would (or could) be thankful for but, because of the work of Christ in your life, you are now thankful for?
- Pray through praise! Take a moment to share around your group an attribute of God or provision from God that you’re thankful for. Then pray together, specifically praising God for those things.