



The Glory of the Son
Colossians 1:15-20
Week of Nov. 3, 2019
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Objective of this study: To understand more about how amazing Jesus is, and to respond in worship to him.

[Remember, the main goal of each Growth Group is to allow God's Word to change your heart so that others would see Jesus in you and be likewise changed to be like him. He wants to change the world through us.]

Worship (5 – 10 minutes)

1. Sing a song or two of praise and thanksgiving to God.
2. Spend five minutes in silence asking God to prepare your heart for hearing his word. After the silence, have someone read **Psalm 89:11-16** meditatively to the group. Pause after each phrase letting God speak to you. **Did anything "jump out at you"?**

Welcome question

Has there been a time when your opinion of someone changed dramatically for the better?

[It's really important when doing this study that we each think about ourselves specifically and ways we need to grow, not how Christians in general need to grow. Do the hard work of letting the Holy Spirit speak to *your* heart.]

Word/Work (60-90 minutes)

1. What stood out from the sermon?
2. Read Colossians 1:15-20.
3. Background: When Epaphras came to visit Paul in prison in Rome, he told Paul about false teachings that had infiltrated the church in Colossae. Even though Paul hadn't planted the church there, he was deeply concerned. He wrote this letter to combat the false teaching, which was a form of gnosticism that taught a low view of Jesus, denying that he was God, and presenting him as being inadequate. Paul wrote these amazing verses to elevate their view of Jesus to be in line with who he really is, rather than the lower, inaccurate, small idea of him that they were being taught.
4. What things in these verses directly counteract the false teaching, and would have been surprising to them, and raised their opinion, their view, of Jesus?
5. For similar teaching from someone else who knew Jesus well, read John 1:1-18. What similarities do you see in these 2 passages?
6. What stands out to you from either of these passages as being amazing about Jesus?
7. In what ways is Jesus presented as being small, inadequate, outdated, etc. these days?
8. Colossians 1:19-22 talks about us being alienated from God and Jesus being the way to reconciliation with him. To get a small picture of how meaningful that is, think about someone you have been alienated from. How did it feel? Did you get reconciled? Who initiated the reconciliation? How did it feel to be reconciled?
9. **Sermon quote:** "Reflect on the majesty of our Creator who is greater than the combined energy of all the stars... Reflect on the fact that the Creator cares about us... Understand the grace of our God who shed his blood for our redemption... Remember that he is the Head of CRBC which means that he receives all the glory, his purposes matter, and he is to be obeyed."

10. Is there some way the Holy Spirit has expanded or elevated your picture of who Jesus is through these passages or the sermon? Respond in worship to Jesus for who he is.

Prayer:

1. Spend the rest of the time praying for each other. **Thank Jesus for who he is!** Here are some things you can pray about for the church:

A. That, as a church, we would actively and purposefully engage in the mission of Jesus in Campbell River.

B. Our church board and staff as they lead us to live out the mission of Jesus.

C. River Kids ministry as they reach out to kids in our community.

D. **Our missionary of the week: Duane and Dawn Bakken.** (Check out the church [website](#) for how to pray for them.)

E. **Local church: Black Creek Community Church.**

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