

# CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

## In Unity

Colossians 2:1-7

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### Opening Thought Questions:

How can followers of Jesus remain faithful and steadfast, avoiding being led away by deceptive teachings and philosophies?

### (1-3) Jesus is enough...

True unity begins and ends with \_\_\_\_\_.

*Differentiated Unity =*

### (4-5) Let our faith hold firm...

- Be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Listen closely to \_\_\_\_\_ and listen closely to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 7 "Discerning" questions for daily life...

- 1) Why do I \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ this content?
- 2) What is this person \_\_\_\_\_ and how (tone/posture) are they \_\_\_\_\_ it?
- 3) How does this person's tone or posture draw me in or push me away?
- 4) Why is this person saying what they are saying and to whom are they speaking?
- 5) What am I \_\_\_\_\_ when I am engaging with this?
- 6) How is this intriguing, exciting, engaging, disturbing, or disrupting to me?
- 7) How is this content a faithful \_\_\_\_\_ and how or where does it fall short of a faithful \_\_\_\_\_?

### (6-7) Deeply rooted and overflowing.

Qualities of a firmly rooted faith...

- 1) Living with an ever-increasing awareness of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Keeping our thoughts, attitudes, words, and behaviors \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Steadfast in holding to \_\_\_\_\_ as he was first known and presented to us. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Overflowing with \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Further Study**

Ephesians  
Acts 21-28

Ecc. 1:9

Eph. 4:14  
1 Cor. 15:58  
1 Cor. 10:23-33

John 15:1-5

Next Week: Christ be Magnified "In Victory" (Col. 2:8-15)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>In Unity</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Col. 2:1-7</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.</p> <p><b><u>Read the Text</u></b> – Colossians 2:1-7</p> <p><b><u>Questions for Reflection &amp; Discussion:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What does Paul describe as his hope or the goal in his writing for all those who had not seen him face to face? (vs. 1-2)</li> <li>2. God’s mystery is Christ Jesus, and in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (vs. 2-3) What does this communicate to us about who and what should be primary in our pursuit of wisdom and knowledge? How does keeping Christ above and central to all thinking, speaking, and living keep the Church (and individual) from being led astray?</li> <li>3. What are the plausible arguments that threaten to delude and divide the Church today? What platforms are we hearing these arguments from? How are they divisive? In what ways are they lacking in their reflection of Jesus?</li> <li>4. Paul is not physically present with the Church, yet he identifies some qualities about their congregation that he is rejoicing in. What are those qualities? (5)</li> <li>5. Review Paul’s encouragement to the church in verses 6-7. What are some of the qualities that Paul reveals as part of a faith firmly rooted in Christ? How are these qualities at work in your own faith journey?</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation &amp; Application:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God?</li> <li>2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another?</li> <li>3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life?</li> <li>4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?</li> <li>5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community?</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Further Study</u></b></p> <p>Ephesians Acts 21-28 Ecc. 1:9 Eph. 4:14 1 Cor. 15:58 1 Cor. 10:23-33 John 15:1-5</p> <p><b><u>Prayer Requests</u></b></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career &amp; Friends</p> <p>Other</p>