SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of December 5-11, 2021 "THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST"

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Finish this sentence: "The biggest compliment I have ever received is _____" and share the circumstance behind it.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Colossians 1:15-20.

- 1. What does it mean that all things were created by Jesus, through him, and for him? What does it mean that all things hold together in Jesus? If all things truly hold together in Christ, what have you witnessed when people place something other than Christ as supreme in their lives?
- 2. On a larger scale, there are many times when our world may appear to be outside of Christ's sovereign control. What recent situation in your community or in the world at large that might seem to suggest that Christ is not currently over all things? In view of this, what spiritual questions and doubts surfaced in your own mind and heart? What were the responses of believers and unbelievers around you?
- 3. In our personal lives, we may quickly declare Christ's sovereignty from all eternity. But are there any current attitudes or worries of your heart that betray your confession? What would cause you to lose hope and shake your faith? How does this passage speak to such a negative situation? What can we affirm?
- 4. The Colossians had a problem with remembering the deity of Jesus. Is there anywhere in your own life where you have been treating your relationship with Jesus as purely a human one, rather than as a relationship with the God of the Universe? How could it change your life if you remembered that he is fully God?
- 5. Share something about God's goodness in your life in the past year. How has he been faithful? How have you doubted him? How have you shown trust in him? What are you most thankful for 2021?

6. NEXT STEPS

Christ is supreme in creation and in salvation.

- L will submit in the Lordship of Christ in all areas of my life.
- □ I will entrust all my fears to Jesus.
- □ I praise God for my salvation in Christ.

Don't forget to:

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to <u>pray for one another</u>. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a maturing faith in the supremacy of Christ in all areas of your life.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

December 6	Hebrews 1:1-4
December 7	Colossians 1:17
December 8	Matthew 7:12-23
December 9	Ezra 1:1-11
December 10	2 Chronicles 20:1-13
December 11	Daniel 2:36-45
December 12	Luke 2:1-14