



Distraction Free

Discussion Guide

April 29, 2018

Colossians 2:6-23

Questions for Study

**Before discussing these questions, read through Colossians 2:6-23 as a group.

1. Colossians 2:6-7 is a theme verse for the book of Colossians and our series. Spend a few minutes breaking down each phrase in these verses and their significance.
2. Work through verses 16-23 and make a list of what the Colossians were putting their hope in other than Christ.
3. What are some of the "deceptive philosophies" (v.8) that we face in our current culture and time?
4. What else distracts us from the true message of Christ and the Gospel? What lies do we believe that detract from the Gospel? In addition to sharing general examples, share personal examples that you've seen in your own life.
5. Why is it that we tend to add things to or reshape what the true message of the Gospel is? How can we combat this inclination?
6. Slowly review verses 9-15—what truths of the Gospel do these verses highlight? Which lies do they speak against?
7. How do the following passages further clarify the true message of the Gospel?
 - Romans 5:6-8
 - Titus 3:4-5
 - 1 John 1:9
 - Acts 4:12
8. The Gospel is centered on the idea that we put our hope in *nothing* but Christ. What else do you tend to put your hope in when it comes to your worth, your "good" standing, or even your desire to do good things in your personal life and in the lives of others?
9. What's one personal take-away you've learned from Colossians 2:6-23? How can you apply that take-away to your life?
10. Challenge: Memorize Colossians 2:6-7: ⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.