

# Small Group Discussion Guide

Living in Christ

## **Discussion** (10 minutes)

*What did you do with your extra hour last night / this morning?*

## **Word** (20 minutes)

Please read **Colossians 2:6-15**.

- Discuss the instructions in verses 6-7. What does it mean to “live in him?”
- What is the threat to living in Christ (v.8)? What are the “basic principles of this world” and how do they contrast to the principles of our Lord Jesus?
- List all the things we been given in Christ (v.10-15)?
- You have been given fullness/completeness/perfection in Christ. In other words, you lack nothing. What is it about living in this broken world that sometimes makes that hard to believe?

Read **Colossians 2:16-23**.

- Paul gives the Christians in Colosse three negative commands. What are they (v.16, 18, 20)? What are the reasons Paul gives for each of these warnings?

## **Application** (20 minutes)

- In Paul’s writings, to “receive Christ Jesus as Lord” is to be taught the oral tradition, to receive the teachings about Jesus. **Who taught you about the blessings we gain in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus?**
- **Is there any part of you that feels less than full, less than complete, in Christ? What’s missing from your life or from your Christian walk?**
- **Have you ever been criticized for the way you worship (v.16)? Have you ever felt judged by someone who thought he/she was more “spiritual” than you (v.18)? Have you ever been burdened by the religious “rules” (v.20-21)? How do these things seem wise and Christian but belong to the “principles of the world?”**
- **Have you ever been guilty of criticizing, judging, or burdening others in any of these ways? Can you share an example? What changed your views and practices?**
- **How do you go about deciding what’s true and what’s not? How do you determine what is of Christ and what is of the world?**

## **Prayer** (10 minutes)