



INTRODUCTION

Christ is preeminent in all things. All things were created by him, through him, and for him. He is active in our lives, directing and working through his church. He is the way to peace with God because of his work on the cross.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING

- Read Colossians 1:15-20.
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?

REVIEW

- In what ways does "image of the invisible God" accurately describe Jesus? (v. 15)
- What was Jesus' role in creation? What is his role in creation today? (vv. 16-17)
- Jesus is described twice as the "firstborn." Discuss what is meant by each. (vv. 15, 18)
- List some of the ways that the "fullness of God" dwells in Christ. (v. 19)
- What evidence is there in *creation* that a reconciliation is needed with God? (v. 20)

APPLICATION

- Does your mental image of Jesus focus more on his humanity or his divinity? Why?
- Praise Jesus for some of the wonderful things he has made.
- In what ways does Christ "hold all things together" in your life?
- We say that Christ is the Head of HBC. How does that work in practice?
- When did you know you needed to be reconciled to God? How was peace made?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs