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King of the Universe

Colossians 1:13-20

Jesus is...

- God of all
- Creator of the World
- Head of the Church
- Rescuer of People

Therefore

- Gaze at Jesus, glance at the world.

Getting Started: Make a list of what you think the average person believes about Jesus. What do you think shapes these opinions?

Digging In: Read Colossians 2. What seems to be some of the issues Paul is addressing in this letter? Why do you think he leads with talking about the supremacy of Christ in dealing with these issues (vv. 13-20)? Make a list of all things in verses 13-20 that tell us about Jesus. What statements affirm that Jesus is God of all (see also Jn 1:18, 3:31, 10:3, 14:9; 2 Cor 4:4; Php 2:6-7; Col 2:8-9; Heb 1:3)? How does this passage teach Jesus is creator of the world (see also Jn 1:3; Heb. 1:2; 1 Cor 8:6; Rev. 3:14)? How does this passage affirm that Jesus is head of the church (see also Eph 1:20-23, 4:15-16, 5:23)? What does this passage say about how Jesus rescues people (see also Rom 1:4; 1 Cor 15:20; Php 2:9-10; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14; Rev 1:5)? In showing Jesus as all these things, how do you think Paul expected the Colossians to think and live differently as a result? Look for clues in Colossians 2-4.

Living It Out: Make a list of the sources (movies, books, people, television, magazines, etc.) outside of the Bible that influence your thoughts about life, spirituality, and God? On a scale of 1-10, how strongly do you agree with this statement: "What you think about God is the most important thing you will think today because it determines everything about you"? Fill in this statement: If I really understood and accepted Jesus as _____ I would _____ (some way in which your life would be different).

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