

the Language of Belief

ALLEGIANCE

WISDOM

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MISSION OF GOD

JUSTICE

Reclaiming the Words that Shape our Faith.

Life Group
Discussion
Guide

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Sermon Summary: This week begins a new series on the Language of Belief, exploring how the words we use shape our beliefs. Pastor Tara Beth spoke about the mission of God, with Paul's letter to the Colossians as the text.

When we look at today's world, where it seems that everything is falling apart, we may wonder how to respond to that. Is it our job as Christians to fix the world? Or do we just let it burn and catch the lifeboat at the end and make our way to heaven?

The mission of God is to reconcile all things to Him. The church was made for this mission. Our purpose is to walk with Him and live on mission as He is renewing this broken and hurting world. We must begin by bowing down to Jesus as Lord, then joining in what God is already doing and bearing witness with our words and our lives.

Conversation Starter: Have you ever simply stopped taking in the news? Maybe you stopped reading the paper or watching TV news. What was that like?

Prayer: Dear Father, help us to see our places in Your mission. Open our eyes and our hearts to the opportunities around us, big and small. Help us to see You at work in our mixed-up world, and give us courage to join You where You are already moving. Amen.

Read Scripture together: Colossians 1: 15 – 20

3-Question Study Method

Use this method to understand the passage.

1. What is the passage about?
2. What do I learn about God?
3. What is the lesson I learn that I can apply to my life?

Discussion Questions:

- What comes to mind when you think of Jesus as the firstborn over all creation? Do you picture Him as the newborn or as the King of Kings?
- What does this teach us about Jesus? What does it mean that God is working to reconcile all things to Him?
- When you consider that the church was made for the mission of God, what changes for you? Can you see yourself as a steward or participant in that mission?
- When you look at the brokenness and hurt in our world, where do you feel most tempted to either “fix it” yourself or simply step away from it? What might it look like to instead join God in what He is already doing?
- Colossians reminds us to “clothe yourselves” with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Colossians 3:12). What might it look like to intentionally “put on” one of these qualities in a relationship or situation you’re navigating right now?
- What does it look like to bear witness to Jesus & not only through your words, but through the way you live, love, serve, and respond to others?
- God has invited us into His work. As Pastor Tara Beth said, “The question is, will you join?” What might that invitation look like for you?

Memory Verse: “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Colossians 3: 17

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, King of Kings, guide us through our broken world. Lead us to places where You would have us make an impact, where we might work towards Your mission of reconciliation. May we truly be Your stewards. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.