

Week 2- "How Great Thou Art"

Colossians 1:15–23

The Battle Against Distraction and a Small View of God

Big Idea: When we see Jesus for who He truly is, everything else finds its proper place.

Opening Question

Where did you experience the “battle” we talked about Sunday in your own life this week?

[Read Colossians 1:15–23](#)

Discussion

1. *What tends to capture most of your attention, mental energy, or emotional energy during an ordinary week? What might that reveal about what has become “big” in your life?*
2. *Read verses 15–20 slowly. Which description of Jesus stands out most to you, and why?*
3. *Paul says all things were created “through him and for him.” What is the difference between believing Jesus created everything and believing your entire life exists for Him?*
4. *Verse 17 says, “In him all things hold together.” How should that truth affect the way we respond when something in our own lives feels like it is falling apart?*
5. *Paul says Christ should be “preeminent” in everything. What are some good things that can subtly begin competing with Jesus for first place?*

6. *"How Great Thou Art" begins by looking at creation and responding in worship. When have you experienced something in creation that caused you to become freshly aware of God's greatness?*
7. *The hymn doesn't stop with creation—it moves to the cross. Why is the cross an even greater revelation of God's glory than the created world around us?*
8. *Colossians moves from the cosmic greatness of Christ in verses 15–20 to our personal reconciliation in verses 21–23. What strikes you about the fact that the One who created and sustains everything has personally reconciled us to Himself?*
9. *The world constantly magnifies lesser things while worship magnifies Christ. What lesser thing has seemed disproportionately large to you lately?*
10. *How can constantly focusing on our problems, fears, work, finances, politics, or ourselves slowly produce a small view of God?*
11. *What practices could help you slow down enough to actually notice and worship God's greatness in everyday life?*

Closing Question

Based on tonight's passage, what truth do you need to actively remember and believe this week?

Prayer Prompts

- **Eyes to see Christ:** Pray that God would give us a larger, clearer vision of Jesus and expose the lesser things we have allowed to become too important.
- **Attention and distraction:** Ask God to help us recognize distractions that continually pull our attention away from Him.

- **Everyday worship:** Pray that ordinary moments—work, creation, relationships, meals, difficulties—would become opportunities to recognize Christ's supremacy and respond in worship.