

# JOURNEY GROUPS

## NOVEMBER 1 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## STUDY

Digging Deeper into **Colossians 1:21–23**:

1. On Sunday, Matt began by recounting Adam and Eve's temptation and the Fall that followed. Have several people **read Genesis 3:1–19**.
2. Why did Adam and Eve do it? What lured them away from the safety and glory of their life with God?
3. What were the long-term effects of their choice?
4. Have someone **read Colossians 1:21-23**, then circle back and **re-read verse 21** so we can start there. On Sunday, Matt went to great lengths to define the word 'alienate.' What does it mean to be alienated from God?
5. Paul said that we were enemies of God in our minds because of our sinful behavior. How do sinful actions prove that a mind is hostile to God?
6. Have someone **re-read verse 21–22**. What does the word 'reconcile' mean?
7. Who did ALL the work of reconciliation, and how did He do it?
8. What does our baptism symbolize, and how does it relate to this discussion?
9. **Re-read verse 22**. How can we stand holy before the Lord, without blemish and free from accusation?
10. Have someone **re-read verse 23**. What is the big “IF”? What is Paul trying to help the Colossians see?

11. Given that we are meant to persevere, what does perseverance in Christ look like? Look again at **verse 23** and notice the description of a person who continues “in faith.”
12. How does the hope of being presented “holy and without blemish” before God one day influence how we approach suffering, temptation, and discouragement?
13. Let's pause for a minute and talk about something amazing. Jesus brought peace between God and us. How can we live in a way that enjoys this hard-won peace?
14. What supplements are we tempted to add to our lives? If we sometimes struggle and turn to Jesus "plus" something else, what is that something else?

## PRAYER

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