

Discussion Guide

Prominence or Preeminence
September 20, 2026

PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.

Last week we read through a portion of Colossians where we focused on gratitude. Paul had a prayer giving thanks to God, and we can follow his example as we give thanks to God ourselves. Our passage this week is one of the most significant in the New Testament - it describes both the prominence of Jesus, as well as his preeminence. From this passage we are focusing on how we should exalt Jesus as Lord of all; sometimes we make Jesus Lord of some parts of our lives but hold back from surrendering all of our lives to him.

- Go around and share both a high and a low from this past week.
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PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ COLOSSIANS 1:15-20 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- What does it mean that Jesus is the creator and sustainer of the universe? How do the two descriptors connect or overlap?
 - In what ways does the metaphor of the body describe the church? In what ways is Jesus the head of the body?
 - Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important to the message of the church?
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PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- Which descriptor of Jesus stands out to you most from our passage? Why?
 - When life feels out of control, is it easy or difficult for you to turn to God? What does it look like for you to trust God when times are tough?
 - When you think of Jesus' preeminence and prominence, which of the two are more difficult to comprehend? Is there one you tend to focus on more, and if so, how would your life look different if you also focused on the other?
 - Is there someone in your life who has not made Jesus Lord of their life? How can you pursue an intentional relationship with them?
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KEY VERSE:

Colossians 1:18

And he is the head of the body, the church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the
dead, that in everything he might be
preeminent.

NEXT STEPS:

- I will make Jesus first in my life ahead of all things, not just some things.
- I need to surrender _____ to Jesus this week.
- I will align with Jesus's mission to reach the lost.

