



LEADER'S NOTES

Colossians: Rescued. Redeemed. Rooted.

Week 3 - Reconciled

Again, I would like to thank you for leading a community group or leading anyone through the discussion questions from our scripture for the week.

QUESTION 1

Question one allows you time to read the scripture and discuss anything that stood out to you and your group members. Take your time with this question and please ensure that everyone discusses something from the scripture.

QUESTION 2

Question two focuses on one of the main themes of scripture, which is that Jesus should come first in everything, including our lives. I don't expect this question to be particularly difficult. My advice is to encourage your members to discuss what their first priorities are, what their second priorities are, and which second priorities they tend to put above Christ.

QUESTION 3

Question three focuses on reconciliation. This question may represent the most important point of our passage of scripture. Take some time with this question, and especially the sub-questions that I ask at the end. Be sure to read this question before the study and know how you personally would like to answer.

QUESTION 4

Question four should be very interesting for your group. This question deals with verse 23 and Paul's insistence that we know we are reconciled if we continue in the faith. There is a long-standing theological discussion about the nature of salvation. Some say that people can genuinely be saved and then lose their salvation. Spring Hills, as a Baptist church, believes that if you genuinely have faith in Christ, you will never walk away from your faith, so we believe in the perseverance of salvation. However, no one believes that you can pray a hasty prayer and live as you please, believing you are reconciled to God. The evidence is that your faith remains. To get the most out of this question, focus your group to think through what it means to continue, and how much of continuing is simply maintaining their faith versus consistently striving through their actions to grow in their relationship with God. You should be conscious, as you lead this question, that salvation is by faith, not by works. I attempted to word the question carefully so as not to imply that we earn our salvation, but that our faith should propel us to action. Have fun!