



LEADER'S NOTES

Colossians: Rescued. Redeemed. Rooted.

Week 7 - Connected to Christ

QUESTION 1

You may notice that question one follows a very familiar pattern. This question is meant to remind your group of the scripture and prompt discussion. Before starting question one, you might remind your group members that Paul is addressing two groups and warning the Colossians about their false teachings. One group wanted the Colossians to follow all of the Old Testament law. The other group was the Gnostics, who believed that Jesus was important but not the Son of God. They also worshiped angels and highly valued spiritual experiences. Please enjoy question one.

QUESTION 2

Question two addresses the distractions that affect our lives and reminds us that Christ should be the core of who we are. I believe this question is quite straightforward and will foster meaningful discussion for your group.

QUESTION 3

Question three explores conforming to the values and priorities of the world. The question asks: As a group, identify some of the world's values and priorities that you are tempted to conform to. Then, talk about the Kingdom values you want to shape your life instead. One common worldly value is materialism, which emphasizes possessions and having the latest things. The Kingdom value that opposes this would be humility or generosity—using your earnings not to boost your status, but to help others. Another example could be the pace of life. The world values busyness and exhaustion, while the Kingdom values Sabbath, rest, and peace. I think this question will be very interesting for you and your group.

QUESTION 4

Question four shifts the focus to something Paul mentions at the very end of the passage. It indicates that a strict, legalistic adherence to rules does not actually curb sensual indulgence or temptation. In the question, I ask your group what does restrain temptation. There are several possible answers to this question. Maybe the best answer to this question would be falling more in love with Jesus. Our hearts will naturally desire what we love most. Another possible answer might be the power of relationships and accountability. When we ask others to help us and confess our sins to them, we find power to overcome temptation.