

PULPIT DRIVEN DISCIPLESHIP

CARRYING DISCIPLESHIP HOME AND BEYOND



Colossians 1:19-23

DAILY STUDY

- Pray: Ask the Lord to reveal His intention for the text
- Read the passage
- Think about Pastor Bill's "Big Idea"
- Who would God have you share this study this week?
- Reach out to others to discuss this together

DISCUSS

1. How does sin alienate us from God?
2. What two aspects of sin does Paul highlight that contributes to alienation?
3. What is the basis for our reconciliation in this passage?
4. What is the purpose of our reconciliation in this passage?
5. How does this passage help me to understand the motivation for my perseverance in the Gospel?
6. How does this passage contribute to what it looks like to biblically persevere?
7. How does this passage lead me to the praise of Christ? Repentance in Christ? Living for Christ?

BIG IDEA: PERSEVERING IN THE GOSPEL

The incentive for my perseverance in the Gospel is rooted in the One who gave Himself fully in order to pull me out of alienation and into full fellowship with the living God.

Simply - Biblical perseverance is more about grace than grit.



Adapting Discussion Questions

The "Discuss" questions are designed to be general for many age groups and believers in various parts of their walk with Christ. Here are some ideas of ways to adapt these questions to make them applicable to the group God is calling you to learn with.

STUDENTS

1. What do you think it means for the fullness of God to dwell in Jesus? (Col 1:19)
 2. What was reconciled to God through Jesus and how did Jesus make peace? (Col 1:20)
 3. What needs to change about your life for you to be free in Christ embracing the reconciliation that He has brought you?
 4. In verse 21 Paul references the state of those in the Colossian church. Have you felt this way? Why or Why Not?
 5. How does verse 22 explain how Christ has reconciled us?
 6. Why did Christ reconcile us to God? (Col 1:22)
 7. According to Paul, since Christ has reconciled us, what then are we called to do? (Col 1:23)
- Scripture for further study: Hebrews 9:11-15

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YOUNG CHILDREN

1. Imagine a huge wall dividing two houses. Do you think that the wall helps the two families have a good relationship or a bad one?
2. Parents, talk about the meaning of the word "alienation" and what it means to be an enemy. The NIRV translation uses the phrase, "separated from God," in verse 21 and that might help you describe what it means to be alienated from God.
3. Parents, ask your children to think about whether they would want to rescue an enemy?
 - The gospel is amazing because while we were still sinners and enemies of God (Romans 5:6-11), He came to earth to take our punishment and be our Savior.
4. Have you ever adopted a rescue pet or known someone who did? How did the dog or cat act towards you for rescuing them? Just as many rescue animals often build strong, lifetime attachments to their new owners, so too are we inspired by the Holy Spirit to persevere and follow Jesus after we realize how He rescued us from our sin.

NON-BELIEVERS OR NEW BELIEVERS

1. Most Americans believe people are basically good. But what does verse 21 tell us about our true condition?
2. Most Americans believe that by doing good God will accept us into heaven. What do verses 20 and 22 tell us instead about how a person can be saved?
3. This passage tells us that we are the ones who are alienated from God because of our sin. And yet God is the one who took the initiative to send His Son to die for us and reconcile us to Himself. What does this say about what God is like? What does it say about your value to Him?
4. God does the saving, but He calls upon us to respond. To put it differently, God has offered us the gift of salvation, but you must open the gift. We do so by repenting of our sin and putting our trust and faith in Jesus Christ. Are you ready and willing to do so? What would prevent you from doing so now?
5. As new believers, remember that God did not make peace so that we can continue to be rebels. He reconciled us to Himself so that we may share His life and holiness. What are some areas in your life where you might ask the Lord to empower you to be holy and blameless?