

GROWING DEEPER



A STUDY OF COLOSSIANS

READING

Read:

Option 1: Colossians - Read this Christ hymn slowly several times throughout the week.

Option 2: John 1:1-18 - The Gospel writer's parallel vision of the eternal Word through whom all things were made.

REFLECTION

- Paul declares that *"in Him all things hold together."* What does that mean for the way you see the world, and your own life, when things feel like they're falling apart?
- What are the "Jesus + ____" additions that subtly creep into your faith? How does this passage call you back to resting in Christ's sufficiency?
- Since Jesus is both the full image of God and the model of true humanity, how does looking at Him reshape the way you think about God? And about yourself?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church, and the beginning of new creation. Forgive me for trying to add to You. Teach us to see You as enough, to know the Father through You, to find our identity in You, and to rest in Your finished work. Hold us together when life feels fractured. Fill us with the fullness of God that dwells in You alone. In Your name we pray, Amen.

PREPARE

Colossians 1:21-23 : Read it several times before the February gathering. Notice how Paul moves from the cosmic scope of Christ's work to its personal impact, "You, who once were alienated... He has now reconciled." Ask Yourself: *What difference does it make that this cosmic Christ has reconciled me personally?*