



"A View From The Top" - April 19, 2026

Sermon by Pastor Tom VanAntwerp

Group Leader Notes

Pastor Tom continues our Centering on Jesus series with a powerful message from Colossians 1:15–23. In this passage, Paul gives us a breathtaking view of who Jesus truly is — the image of the invisible God, the creator of all things, the head of the church, and the one who reconciles all things through the cross. When we see Jesus more clearly, everything else comes into focus.

Main Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:15-23

Group Discussion

Begin in prayer before reading and discussing the text.

1. **Pastor Tom uses the image of a "vista" to describe seeing Jesus more clearly.** When have you experienced a moment that gave you new clarity or perspective about who Jesus is?
2. **In Colossians 1:15–20, Jesus is described as fully God, creator, sustainer, head of the church, and reconciler.** Which of these aspects of Jesus stands out most to you right now, and why?
3. **Pastor Tom suggests that if we want to understand God's character, we should look at Jesus—especially His humility and sacrifice.** How does this challenge or reshape your view of God?
4. **He says that Jesus is the head of the church and that we are His body.** In practical terms, what does it look like for us to reflect Jesus' "headship" in our everyday lives and relationships?
5. **Jesus' work of reconciliation is described as restoring "all things," not just individuals.** Where do you see brokenness in the world (or your own life) that needs this kind of restoration, and how might God invite you to participate in it?

Let's Pray

<https://youtu.be/K0o8CmXGVjM?si=FRbPzEtD3LCgO5xv>

