



Small Group Questions

Colossians 1:1-14

REMINDER: The purpose of our small groups at Cypress is to learn to love one another. We seek to do this as we: 1. Study the Bible together; 2. Discuss how to put it into practice; 3. Pray together; and 4. Live life together. Please use these questions only as they help you achieve this purpose. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Link:** If you missed the sermon on Sunday, you can find it at cypresschurch.org. Is there something that you have a question about, or are confused about from the sermon?

2. **Read it:** Read Colossians 1:1-14

3. **Observation – What do you see?**

In Colossians, we're introduced to Paul's argument that at the heart of the gospel, the proclamation of good news, is that Jesus is the King. Pastor Ben noted that the word Christ is a Hebrew word that means king, while the word Lord is a Greek word that means King. The terms Christ, King and Lord appear at least 75 times in the book of Colossians. Take a moment and note the instances where Paul uses each of these three terms in Colossians 1:1-14.

4. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**

As we work through the book of Colossians, we're going to be hit with the question: *What does it mean to live for King Jesus?* Before going any further, write down how you'd answer that question today.

Read 1:10-11. What does Paul say about living a life for King Jesus?

Read John 14:15-17 & 15:4-10. What does John say about being empowered to live a life for King Jesus? Where do we get the power to do it? What kind of fruit is produced by living a life after King Jesus?

5. **Application – How does this apply?**

Are you living your life for King Jesus?

Two things to be practicing:

- Begin praying Colossians 1:9-12 for yourself and for Cypress.
- In all difficult situations you encounter this week, commit to saying: Jesus is King.