



## Small Group Questions

### Colossians 1:13-23

**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](http://cypresschurch.org). Is there something that you have a question about, or are confused about from the sermon?
2. **Read it:** Read Colossians 1:13-23
3. **Observation – What do you see?**  
Verse 13 says that the Father has delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us into His kingdom. What images come to mind as you read this?
4. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**  
Read 1:15-20. What does it mean that Jesus is preeminent? What do these verses tell us about Jesus' eternal existence? What does it say about the importance of who Jesus is?

*OPTIONAL QUESTION: If you want to take it a step further, read John 1:1-18 and compare what it says about Jesus with these verses in Colossians.*

In this series, we're seeking to understand how to live in a manner worthy of King Jesus. Pastor Ben noted that to do this, we need to do three things: Recognize that Jesus is King of all things - Know that King Jesus' death delivers us - Continue to live for King Jesus. World-renowned scholar A.W Tozer said the following in regards living for Jesus:

"In every Christian's heart there is a cross and a throne, and the Christian is on the throne till he puts himself on the cross. If he refuses the cross he remains on the throne. Perhaps this is at the bottom of the backsliding and worldliness among gospel believers today. We want to be saved but we insist that Christ do all the dying. No cross for us, no dethronement, no dying. We remain king within [our own little kingdom] and wear our tinsel crown with all the pride of a Caesar, but we doom ourselves to shadows and weakness and spiritual sterility."

Take a moment (Selah) and think about this quote. What would it mean for you to do this daily? Name some specific things in your life that you need to surrender control of, that keep you from putting Jesus on the throne, and you on the cross.

5. **Application – How does this apply?**  
We need to choose daily to let Jesus be the King of our lives, to let him sit on the throne, and be willing to die to ourselves. What practical steps do you feel the Holy Spirit prompting you to put into practice in your daily life, to accomplish this purpose?