



# IMMANUEL CHURCH

**Discussion Guide: Solo**  
**January 21, 2018**

## **Opening Questions:**

- What made you feel safe and secure when you were a kid? What things in your life now give you that same sense? Why those things? Would you choose different things if you could? What would they be? What do you wish gave you a sense of safety and security?
- When it comes to your spiritual journey, have you ever been your own spiritual security blanket? What practices or actions make you feel like you and God are on good terms? What do you feel you have to do in order to earn his accepting you?

## **Looking at Scripture:**

- Read **Colossians 1:19-21...** Have you ever considered that the rift you sense between you and God might be your doing? What about that idea do you *not* like? In what ways do you feel far away from God now?
- Read **Colossians 1:22...** If you were God, would you go to such lengths in order to reconcile with you? What is the hardest part of this verse to accept? God's reaching out to you? You being seen as holy? Without blemish? Jesus dying for you? Why is that what makes you uncomfortable?
- Read **Galatians 3:26-27...** Talk about the idea of Jesus putting his righteousness on you (imputation). How does that change your understanding of God's view of you? How does that change *your* view of you? What does this reality mean for your day tomorrow?
- Read **Colossians 1:23...** What does standing firm in Jesus mean? When you think through the challenges you're facing right now, what does that look like? Why do we want to constantly wander from Jesus and his covering of us?

## **Application Questions:**

- This week's bottom line was **CHRISTIANS AREN'T THE BEST THING ABOUT CHRISTIANS...CHRIST IS.** How does this change the way we talk about—or present—ourselves? Does it change the level of care you might take in representing Jesus every minute of every day? How so?
- Have you taken your “not me selfie?” What are the first things that come to mind when you see that photo in your library?
- Do you really believe the Church (the global community of Christ-followers) can change the world? Why might you doubt its ability to do so? If everyone every where took seriously the title of “little Christ” what do you think would happen, practically speaking?

*Spend some time in prayer. Give the majority of your conversation with God to thanking him for literally taking all the responsibility in making your relationship with him right. Thank him for being so gracious and passionate in his love for you. Ask him to help you live every moment as a little Christ, covered by Jesus' righteousness.*