



## Discussion Questions • Colossians 1:21-23

1. If you had to explain the basic Christian message in a tweet, what would you include? What would you leave out?
2. When you read a short passage like Colossians 1:21-23 and think of it as Paul's "tweet" of the basic Christian message, explain what surprises you by what he includes and leaves out?
3. How does our alienation from God show up in our lives?
  - a. Can people who are more "religious" be alienated from God?
  - b. How does that alienation play out in their lives?
4. When Paul compares what Christians were prior to coming to faith in Jesus with who they are in Jesus, his goal is for them to live like who they really are. Why is it hard for us to do that?
5. How does the knowledge that God is seeking to not merely save our souls for heaven, but to transform us, explain the difficulties we face in our lives? What do you think of what the author of Hebrews is arguing along these lines in Hebrews 12:4-12?
6. Do Christians need to remain faithful to the core doctrines of Christianity in order to be saved in the end? What are those doctrines? What doctrines are not so important?
7. Read Hebrews 3:12-14, 2 John 9, Revelation 3:14-21, and 2 Timothy 4:6-8. What do these passages say about the need to continue faithfully to the end in order to be saved?
8. What helps us remain faithful in our Christian lives? Why do people fall away and what can be done to avoid it?

**OPTIONAL:** What is one thing you are willing to apply tomorrow in your life as a result of what we discussed in our meeting?

### Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Pray for each other along with other requests.