

## **STUDY GUIDE: KNOWING JESUS**

### **“He Is And We Were” (Colossians 1:14-23)**

#### **Discussion Starters**

1. Describe what your life was like before you came to Jesus. Describe what life is like now that you have come to Jesus. (If you have not come to Jesus, describe what your spiritual life is like now.)
2. Describe a time when someone paid your way for something.

**Study:** Read Colossians 1:14-23 in preparation for the following questions.

3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

--“good pleasure” (Colossians 1:19)—

--“reconcile” (Colossians 1:20)—

--“alienated” (Colossians 1:21)—

--“hostile” (Colossians 1:21)—

--“holy” (Colossians 1:22)—

--“blameless” (Colossians 1:22)—

4. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.
5. Read John 3:30-36. What is John the Baptist saying? How does this tie into the first chapter of Colossians?

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6. Colossians 1:15 describes Jesus as the “firstborn of all creation.” What does that mean?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Colossians 1:17 says that Jesus “holds all things together.” What does that mean?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Look up the Greek word for redemption. (Colossians 1:14--hint: it was in the vocab for last week’s study guide) What is the significance of this to a Christian?

**Taking It Home** (You won’t be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

9. Who is the main character in Colossians 1:15-23?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Why do we sometimes forget that Jesus is the center of everything?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What do you need to do in your life to remember that Jesus is the center of everything?