

Week Two: All Things

OPENING:

- Do you look more like your mother or father and which features or characteristics did you inherit from them?
- Read Colossians 1:15-20.

STUDY:

- Like last week, let's make another list! This time, write down all the things "the Son" is or has done or is doing in this passage.
- Go through each characteristic and action and discuss what it means. For example:
 - What does it mean to be the firstborn over all creation? What did "firstborn" mean in the culture of New Testament times? How is the Son supreme in creation?
 - What does it mean for the Son to be the head of the church? How is he supreme in redemption?
 - What is the difference between being the firstborn over all creation and the firstborn from among the dead?
- Who is "the Son" and how do we know?
- Which of the descriptions on the list confuses, intrigues, or excites you most? Why?
- What/How does God the Father think/feel about all of this according to verses 19-20?
- How would you sum up what this poem reveals about Jesus Christ?
- In light of the centrality and supremacy of the Son, what are the implications for your home and family life? for your work and activities? for your friendships, church, or your life as a citizen?

PRAY:

- Together as a group, offer prayers of praise and submission to Christ the Son!

Colossians 1:15-20

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.