

## Discussion Questions for the week of January 14, 2018



### **BIG IDEA:**

It's a new year and a new Wake. We're looking for new insights for our lives from the Scriptures of old. We want to look to God's Word to see what He calls the church to live out.

### **OVERVIEW:**

Paul wrote a letter to the church at Colossae, a real place, with real people, at a specific time in History. That letter, which is now the book of Colossians, is not just for them, but for the Church today as well. God wants to use you, Wake, Junior High students at Watermark Community Church – a real place, with real people, at a specific time in History, for a specific purpose to influence the world around you for Christ.

### **ICE BREAKER:**

What person comes to mind when you think of greatness?

### **DISCUSSION:**

1. When you hear the name Jesus, what comes to mind?
2. As a small group, make as many statements as you can about who Jesus is (*Leaders: encourage them to back it up with scripture if they can*). Start the statement with "Christ is..."
3. Read Colossians 1:15-23 out loud.
4. As a small group, make as many statements as you can about the supremacy and greatness of Christ using the language in this passage. Start the statement with "Christ is..."
5. What does it mean that Jesus is the "image of the invisible God"?

*John 1:1-18*

6. Do you believe that Jesus is God? Why or why not? Do you think the belief that Jesus is God is important to the Christian faith?

*The deity of Christ is foundational to the Christian faith. In today's world there are so many people who will teach Jesus' teaching, but don't believe he is God (Mormons, Muslims, etc.). We must base our belief in who God is and the supremacy of Christ.*

7. What does it mean for Jesus to be "the head of the body, the church?" How can you let Jesus guide your decisions and actions in your daily life?
8. Read Colossians 1:19. Take a second to think about and meditate on that verse. What does the "fullness of God" mean?
9. Think back on the life of Christ and what we see of Jesus in the Gospels. Where do you see the fullness and deity of God dwelling in Jesus?
10. In the Old Testament, before Christ, where did God dwell (Ezekiel 44:4)? Where does God dwell today (1 Cor 3:16, Col 2:9-10)?
11. Read Colossians 1:21-22. What actions was God pleased to take to reconcile us to himself?
12. How have you seen your life be reconciled by Jesus Christ? Where specifically in your life has Jesus redeemed you? Or, where in your life do you need to be reconciled to Christ and redeemed by the blood of the cross?

*Reconciled means "to store friendly relations between; reunite, bring back together, make peace"*

### **APPLICATION:**

13. Because of the death and resurrection of Christ, the fullness of Christ now dwells in you if you believe in Him by faith. Do you really believe that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
14. How would your life and the world around you be different if we really lived out this truth and walked in the power of God?