



Colossians reveals that Paul doesn't just want to bring people to Christ; He wants to bring people to maturity in Christ. And Paul knows the fruits of faith, joy and love grow when a disciple is firmly grounded in all that Jesus is. So he calls on believers then and now to go deeper in Christ...to be **ROOTED**.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 Rick began with this bold statement: "You will never attain maturity in Christ until you are convinced of the authority of Christ." Why is this true and what are some of the implications? Follow up: **Read Colossians 1:15-20**. What do you learn about Jesus from this subversive song? What sticks out to you the most?

2 JESUS PLUS...? You will struggle with the sufficiency of Christ until you are sure of the supremacy of Christ. What are some examples of religious beliefs or ideas that imply that Jesus is inadequate ("Jesus is good, but he's not good enough.")? Why do you think people choose to believe these specific things about Jesus, but not the entirety of who He is? Follow up: *Maturity is demonstrated by living like Jesus is in charge*. How might our view of Jesus dictate our life, purpose, and mission?

3 JESUS ONLY! Jesus is all of God! *When Jesus came the invisible became visible.* **Read Colossians 1:15**. In what ways is Jesus the image of the invisible God? Why does this matter? Follow up: *Jesus is fully God, and God is fully in Jesus*. What makes that such an audacious claim? How did that impact Jesus and the early Christians and how can that impact followers of Jesus today?

4 JESUS ONLY! Jesus is Lord of all! *There is no neutral ground in the universe, every second and every atom is claimed by Christ.* **Read Colossians 1:16-17**. Why is it significant for us to remember that all things are **made by him** and held together by him? How do these verses speak to Jesus' centrality in and supremacy over all creation?

5 Even when it doesn't look like it, Jesus has got the whole world in his hands. And that means that all things are **subject to him**. **Read Colossians 1:18**. What does it mean for Jesus to have first place, or preeminence in everything? Follow up: Think about your daily routine. What are some adjustments you can make in your schedule and/or priorities in order to make Jesus first in your life?

6 Read Colossians 1:19-23. Rick pointed all that when Jesus comes back, all things will be **reconciled through him**. How does it make you feel to know that God loves you enough that He sent His Son as a sacrifice for you? Follow up: Take a moment to pray for the "ones" who need to receive this good news today.

7 Rick closed by reminding us that "We do not **make Jesus Lord**; we **acknowledge it**." Why is that distinction important? What does it mean for you to say Jesus is supreme in your life? Follow up: Where or when is it hard for you to feel like Jesus is in charge? What can you do in those times to stay rooted in his supremacy?

