



## Jesus Centered

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# Message Notes

- Jesus is the SUPREME of CREATION.
- Jesus is the CENTER of the Church.
- Jesus is the REDEEMER.
- JESUS FIRST

## SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:15-20; John 1:14-18

# Discussion Guide

## ENGAGE

1. There are many studies that reveal the role birth-order plays in personality. How do you see your own birth-order (oldest, middle, youngest) reflect in your personality?
2. Read Colossians 1:15-17. How do you understand the phrase "image of the invisible?" Historically, what are the benefits of being "firstborn?" According to this passage, what role did Jesus play in creation?
3. Read Colossians 1:18-20. How do you understand that Jesus is the "head" of the church? In vs.20 what does the word reconcile mean? How did Jesus make "peace?"
4. Why do you think it was challenging for Colossians to recognize the supremacy (v.18) of Jesus? What circumstances can make this challenging in your own life?
5. Share about a time when you placed your trust in someone or something other than Jesus.

## APPLY

- On a notecard or small loose piece of paper, make a list of the people, things, and circumstances you have put ahead of Jesus in your life. Turn it over, on the new front-side, write "JESUS FIRST." The prayer pattern with which I am most familiar typically begins with thanksgiving, petitions, and praises and concludes with: "in Jesus' name, Amen." As you close your time with this material in prayer, begin in Jesus' name and allow your prayer to flow from JESUS FIRST.

## PRAY