

## **We are Rooted.**

**The Book of Colossians — EPISODE 2 (Colossians 1:15-20)**

**We are rooted - holding fast to Jesus, orthodox doctrine, & the power of the Holy Spirit.**

### **Jesus is Essential.**

Colossians 1:15–17 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, <sup>16</sup> for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

### **Jesus is the complete Image of God.**

### **Jesus is the Creator.**

### **Jesus is Supreme.**

### **Jesus is the Sustainer.**

Colossians 1:18–20 (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. <sup>19</sup> For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, <sup>20</sup> and through Him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

### **Jesus is the Head of the Church.**

### **Jesus is the Reconciler.**

### **Jesus over Everything.**

## **PRACTICING THE WAY**

*As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection, but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.*

**Start the Bible Recap reading plan with a friend.**

### **Recite this prayer each day:**

*Father, You are the creator and sustainer of everything. Holy Spirit, help me prioritize Jesus in all that I do. Jesus, help me to trust You as Truth in the things I know and do not know. May I stay rooted in You, Jesus.*

### **Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or connect group)**

- Read Colossians 1:15-20. What do you notice in this passage?
- Sunday's message was about the supremacy of Jesus. Did anything stand out to you or raise a question?
- Verse 16 says, "Everything was created through Him and for Him." What are some ways our life flows through Jesus and for Jesus?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be the "head of the church"?
- What comes to mind when you hear the word "reconciled"? How do they apply to Jesus?
- Pray the following prayer, slowly, over the group: *Father, You are the creator and sustainer of everything. Holy Spirit, help me prioritize Jesus in all that I do. Jesus, help me to trust You as Truth in the things I know and do not know. May I stay rooted in You, Jesus*