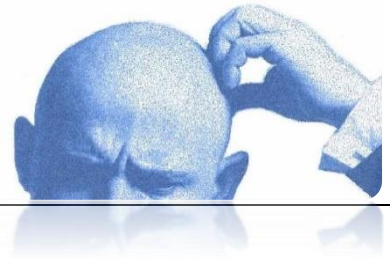


## A Bigger Story – Colossians 1:15–20

# Small Group Questions

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*The following questions are intended to start conversations.*

*Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.*

- If you were to explain the gospel (the good news) to someone who has never been part of a Christian community, what would you say? What part of the story would you emphasize? What might their response be?
- What do you think people outside of the church are hearing about Christianity? Why?
- Read **Colossians 1:15-20**. What stands out for you in this text?
- The phrase “all things” (and variants) is used 8 times in this short text. What do you think Paul is trying to communicate here?
- Do you believe that *all things* have been created through God and for God (v. 16)? What are the implications of this on how you view and interact with other people?
- God desires to reconcile literally *all things* (v. 20). Is this a bigger story than you were taught growing up?
- Good stories enable us to ask, “If I entered this story, who would I be?” In the same way, telling the larger story of Jesus should provoke similar questions. How would your life change if you lived in a world where it is truly better to give than receive? If you really believed that God has power over death, would that alter the way you lived?
- OPTIONAL: Read *What is the Gospel: Participation, Not Consumption* on Sermons +. What did you like and/or dislike about this article?