

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Everything” (pt. 3) – 3/01/2015

Scripture: Colossians 1:21-23

Bottom Line: Jesus alone makes us right with God.

INTRODUCTION:

Icebreakers are a great way to kick off your group discussion with a little fun. Have everyone share their favorite movie and why they love it? Movies typically have a bad news/good news storyline. The gospel is very similar!

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

Read Colossians 1:21 - BAD NEWS

No one enjoys receiving bad news. However, we have to understand the bad news to see how INCREDIBLE the good news truly is. **What is a person's standing with God apart from Christ? What did this look like in your life?**

- 1) *Alienated - no relationship with a perfect God.*
- 2) *Hostile in mind - our thoughts.*
- 3) *Doing evil deeds - our actions.*

Read Colossians 1:22-23 - GOOD NEWS

The distance between God and man was a gap far too big for us to fill. However, what Jesus did on our behalf accomplishes something we could have never done on our own. His work on the cross pours grace upon us and now we can have a right standing before the Father. **What does Jesus' work on the cross provide for those who believe in him?**

- 1) *Makes us holy and blameless before God.*
- 2) *Completely heals our broken relationship with God.*
- 3) *Frees us from fear and gives assurance.*

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

- 1) How should we respond to Jesus' work on our behalf?
 - a. *Place faith in Jesus and rest in His work.*
 - b. *Free yourself from pretending and performing.*
- 3) How has Jesus' finished work on the cross changed your life?