

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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This week Pastor Andy Rauschkolb continued in the new series, *Kingdom Culture*—a study of the book of Colossians. Studying chapter 1, verses 13-22, Andy defined who Jesus is in relation to the kingdom, to us, to God, and to the world. We need to remember and focus on the centrality, supremacy, preeminence, and awesomeness of Jesus.

- Jesus is king of the kingdom.
- Jesus is the mirror image of God—icon, If we want to know God, we need to know Jesus.
- Jesus is before and over all things.
- Jesus is our Savior King.

Rest and marinate in the awesomeness of God’s Word.

What kingdom does my life reflect?

Would you be willing to trust Jesus with all the things?

“The kingdom of God is God reigning. It is present wherever what God wants done is done.” — Dallas Willard

SCRIPTURE

COLOSSIANS 1:13-22

¹ He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation,

¹⁶ for all things in heaven and on earth were created in him—all things, whether visible or invisible, whether thrones or dominions, whether principalities or powers—all things were created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He himself is before all things and all things are held together in him.

¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church, as well as the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he himself may become first in all things.

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in the Son

²⁰ and through him to reconcile all things to himself by making peace through the blood of his cross—through him, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

²¹ And you were at one time strangers and enemies in your minds as expressed through your evil deeds, ²² but now he has reconciled you by his physical body through death to present you holy, without blemish, and blameless before him.

REVELATION 19:16

He has a name written on his clothing and on his thigh: “King of kings and Lord of lords.”

HEBREWS 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out from Andy's message?
2. Read each of the following statements one at a time and answer this question: To which verse(s) in Colossians 1:13-22, Revelation 19:16, Hebrews 1:3 does this statement refer? Then read the verse out loud in your translation or version of the Bible and describe how it relates.
 - Jesus is king of the kingdom.
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3. How can you know this king in your own life? Who sits on the throne of your kingdom?
4. What are examples of Jesus being the mirror image of God? What characteristics do you see in both?
5. Would you be willing to trust Jesus with all the things in your life? What would need to change?
6. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Thank God for revealing his nature in his Word and for the knowledge he gives us to know him better. Ask God to reveal those areas in which you sit on the throne of your kingdom and need to relinquish it to Jesus. Thank him for being our Savior King today, and for all the days to come.