***Going All In (Colossians 1:13-20)***

Read: Colossians 1:13-20 and have someone follow up by reading it in the message translation as well.

**Colossians 1:13-20 (The Message)**

**13-14God rescued us from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons. He's set us up in the kingdom of the Son he loves so much, the Son who got us out of the pit we were in, got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating. slide 15-18We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.**

**18-20He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end.**

**From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so roomy, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.”**

**Discussion Questions:**

What does it mean that we are a part of the Kingdom of God’s Son? What does it look like for us to live in the Kingdom of the Son now?

What are the implications of the statement that Jesus is the image of the invisible God?

What does it mean that we have been reconciled?

What are some ways for us to remember that Jesus has brought us peace with God?

**Application:**

To live in the Kingdom of the Son, to live with Jesus as the Head of the Body, means that we live with Him in charge of our lives. Since we serve a God who went “all in” for us, discuss what going all in, totally surrendering to His lordship looks like in our day to day living.

To be reconciled means to be restored together to a good relationship. Easter is a time where we celebrate and praise Jesus for bringing us reconciliation with God. Since we are a people reconciled to God, how can we model that same reconciliation in our own lives and in the lives of others?

Take time to pray together. Thank God for the life and purpose that we now have because of Jesus’ sacrifice, and to ask God to help us be a people of peace and reconciliation in a world of chaos.