



**Conversation Starters:**

- **When you hear the word "Christian," what comes to your mind?**
- **What are some ways people today define Christianity incorrectly?**
- **How do beliefs shape the way a person lives?**

**\*What we believe determines who we are and how we live.**

**Scripture passage: Colossians 1:15-23.**

**\*To faithfully follow Jesus, we need 2 basic building blocks of faith.**

**Observation 1 - A Clear Vision of Who Jesus Is.**

**Scripture: Colossians 1:15-18**

**Questions: a)** What does it mean that Jesus is the "image of the invisible God"? **b)** Why is it important that Jesus is not just like God, but actually God? **c)** How does knowing that Jesus is over all powers and authorities affect your daily worries? **d)** What are some ways people tend to minimize who Jesus really is?

**Statement:** When we truly see Jesus for who He is- God, Creator and King, it transforms our perspective, trust and worship. Pastor Chris said, **"God is better than we think He is."** Our understanding of God is often too small, but Jesus reveals the true greatness, goodness and authority of God perfectly.

**Observation 2- A Clear Understanding Of What God Has Done.**

**Scripture: Colossians 1:19-22**

**Questions: a)** What does it mean to be "reconciled" to God? **b)** Why is it hard for people to admit they need saving? **c)** How does understanding your past (alienated from God) deepen your gratitude? **d)** Do you struggle more with guilt or shame? How does the gospel address both?

**Statement:** Pastor Chris said, **"You will never trust Jesus as your Savior until you admit you need to be saved."**

Acknowledging our brokenness is the first step toward experiencing true transformation through Jesus. Shame traps us in sin and discouragement, while conviction from God leads to repentance, growth and freedom.

**Observation 3- Our Response- Contin In Faith and Surrender**

**Scripture: Colossians 1:23.**

**Questions: a)** What does it look like to be "established and firm" in faith? **b)** what are some things that can cause someone to drift from hope in the gospel? **c)** What spiritual habits help you stay grounded in your faith? **d)** What area of your life is hardest to surrender right now to Jesus?

**Statement:** When we clearly understand who Jesus is and what He has done, it changes everything about how we live. Our faith must be rooted in truth, strengthened daily and expressed through a life of worship and obedience.

**Prayer:**

- Thank God for revealing Himself to us through Jesus and for reconciling us through the cross.
- Pray that God will help us to walk in the truth and to respond to conviction with obedience.
- Pray that God will strengthen our faith so we can remain firm and grounded in the hope of the gospel and to surrender every part of our lives to Him.
- Take prayer requests & pray together.

