



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WEEK 9: Colossians 2:16-23

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Now, read Colossians 2:16-23 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Was there anything that you didn't understand? Discuss.
- 4) One of the issues Paul addresses in this passage is the gospel versus religion. The gospel says that Jesus has done everything to bring us to God, and all we need to do is trust in Jesus alone for our salvation. Religion says that we need good works (or in this passage we need to eat the right things, drink the right things, and attend the right festivals) in order to be right with God. Martin Luther pointed out that we all tend to default toward religion and away from the gospel (we just innately feel that we have to earn acceptance with God). How do you see yourself tending to do this?
- 5) Our culture naturally tries to save itself. The culture may define sin and salvation differently, but it's trying to save itself in many different ways. How do you see this happening around you?
- 6) Not only do good works not save us, they also (by themselves) do not help us grow in holiness with God (v. 23). Instead the fight for growth in holiness is a fight to place faith again and again in Jesus and what he has done for us. In what areas of your life do you struggle to trust Jesus?
- 7) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing. *

* **Bonus** - Pick out one or two of the missionaries / church planters on 24church.com/how-we-serve and pray for them as a group today.