

# CENTER OF IT ALL

## SERMON-BASED QUESTIONS

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### MY STORY

1. How do you show other people that you care for them (or show them they are valuable)? Explain.
2. What is your most prized material possession? Why is it so special?
3. What is something that you have created that you are proud of? Share.

### DIGGING DEEPER

*This is week 1 of a new series called "Center Of It All." There is a timeless joke about kids answering "Jesus!" to all questions asked in church. We could speculate why "church kids" would answer as they did, but let's hope that (even at a young age), they caught on to the concept that gathering together with other Christians for worship was really all about Jesus. Could it be possible that as we have grown older, we have lost our focus on what church is about? Lost focus on what our homes and families are about? Lost focus on what our jobs and careers are about? Lost focus on what indeed life itself is about? Perhaps, it is time to refresh the point of origin and move from there accordingly.*

4. Read Colossians 1:15-20 quietly and individually.
  - a. After you read these 5 verses, make a list of statements that begin with "Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_." You can use the content in the verses or come up with your own.

- b. Go around the circle, each person reading one statement aloud at a time. Continue around the circle until each person's list has been exhausted.
  
- c. As a group, reflect on this mini exercise together. Did you learn anything new about Jesus? What, in particular, struck you from Paul's teaching about Jesus? Explain.
  
- d. Reread verses 16-17 aloud together. What does it mean that "*all things have been created through*" Jesus? What does it mean that you have been created by Him?
  - Reflect on what it means that "*all things have been created for Jesus*". What implications does this have for "all things"?
  
  - What does it mean that you have been created for Jesus? What practical significance can you draw from this truth? Explain.
  
5. Read John 1:1-5 and 1 Corinthians 8:6 together as a group. How do these 2 verses add to what we learned from Paul's teaching in Colossians? Explain.
  
6. Read Genesis 1:26-27 aloud together and answer the following questions:
  - a. What further insight about Jesus do we learn from these verses?
  
  - b. What truths about ourselves do we glean from the 6th day of creation?
  
7. With these verses and this discussion in mind, what would be an appropriate response to God, our Creator? Spend time in that response together as a group.