

1. What would you say are the most important things or parts of your life?
2. What does Jesus Over Everything mean to you?

Colossians 1:15-20 - ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: ¹⁶ for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is also the head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Truth 1 - Jesus is the image of the invisible God (v.15).

3. What do you think this means?
4. How does this help you understand God?

Truth 2 - Jesus is the first-born over all creation (v.15).

First-born in the original language of Greek is *Proto – tokos* – which means 1st Timewise & 1st in Position

1. What does the term first-born mean?
2. What does first-born NOT mean?
3. What is significant about Jesus being the first born?

Truth 3 – Jesus is the Creator and Sustainer (v.16 & 17)

4. What are your thoughts about Jesus being the creator of all things?
5. How is Jesus the sustainer of all things?

Truth 4 - Jesus is the head of the body – the church (v. 18)

6. What does the word “the church” mean in this verse?
7. What does Christ being the ‘head’ mean? Why is this significant?

Truth 5 - Jesus is the first-born from among the dead (v. 18)

- *John 11:25 – Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life, Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.”*
 - *Romans 8:11 – If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies from his Spirit who dwells in you.*
8. What does “first-born from among the dead” mean?
 9. Why is Jesus being “the first-born among the dead” important and significant?

Truth 6 - In Jesus all of God's fullness dwells (v. 19)

10. What are some aspects of God's fullness?

Truth 7 – Through Jesus we can be reconciled to God (v. 20).

11. Why is reconciliation to God so important? Have you done this?
12. How does putting Jesus over the things you struggle with, worry about and care about, bring hope, increase faith, and manifest love in your life?
13. What in your life do you struggle to let Jesus be over?
14. What is the greatest takeaway for you personally that you can implement this week?