

## Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, November 27<sup>th</sup> 2016

11/27 (First Sunday of Advent): The Movement of God (Colossians 1:15-20)

Sermon Recap: Travis touched on the “that” of the advent season. “That” God came down to man in the incarnation. He said the incarnation answers the questions, not just of “what is God” but “who is God?” A God is that is all at once, so different and awesome – yet so near, so powerful – yet so powerless, and perfectly just – yet lovingly merciful. The advent season he said is about reflecting not just on the fact that he is mobile, but that we are called to follow and be known too.

1. Do you have a fond/funny memory from a holiday gathering with family?
2. Read Col 1:13-14; Paul shifts his address here from talking about the Colossians to speaking of God’s work in Christ. What exactly does Christ accomplish on the cross according to this passage? What is now ours that was not before?
3. As Paul expands on who Jesus is (15-20), how does he describe him? What qualities or characteristics does he credit him with?
4. Travis said Lk 2:8-12 does a great job of capturing Jesus’ powerful and powerlessness existence. What does it say that God would reveal himself as savior, yet as a powerless infant?
5. How do you understand Jesus as the image of an invisible God? When and where do you see this image today?
6. Travis said Jesus came to reconcile or repair that which was broken. What evidence do you have for a broken relationship with God and his people in your own life? In the world around you?
7. In the great redemption plan of God, he started by reaching out and being known, is God stirring you to move, to reach out to those around you and be known?
8. How can small groups (places of authentic community) reach out to reconcile with people who do not know God or his mercy?

### *Work Application*

9. If Paul is not exaggerating Jesus’ place in the universe (15-20), if what he says is true (and perhaps even an understatement), then what does that mean for the role Jesus should have in your work environment? With your co-workers? In the goods or services you provide?