

BRENTWOOD STUDENTS

Context For You

Today, we're continuing on in our study of Colossians. For the first chapter of this letter to the church at Colossae, Paul has given thanks to the Lord for the Colossians faith and made known to them how he prays continually for them. We've seen Paul explain how Christ Jesus is supreme over all things—both as Lord of Creation and as Lord of Redemption. We've seen how as followers of Christ, we must be willing to sacrifice for the sake of becoming more like Jesus but that we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit to endure it all. This week, we're discussing how we must be intentional, not passive, followers of Jesus, actively pursuing Him, and always being on guard against the lies and temptations the world offers us.

Open The Conversation

Spend time catching up with everyone. Ask for everyone's high and low from the week. Ask about Spring Break. If time allows, ask them: *if you could choose any skill to master overnight, what would it be and why?*

Read Colossians 2:6-15

1. What are intentional steps we can take to become firmly rooted in our faith in Jesus (vv. 6-7)? What does this look like in our daily life?
2. Why, even after hearing the true message of Jesus, do we listen to any other teaching/philosophy/deceit of the world?
3. What does it mean to be “taken captive by deceit and false arguments?” (v.8) What are some examples of these things we experience regularly?
4. How can we tell if a teaching is sound or if it is false? How can we use these indicators to prepare us for the moments we come across them?
5. In verse 10, Paul makes a bold claim: that as believers, we also have power over every ruler and authority of this world because of our union with Him. How can we use this to encourage other believers?
6. Paul uses verses 9 through 15 to remind the Colossians of the true message of Jesus. How can we use these verses/what phrases from it can we use to share the Gospel with someone who isn't a Christian?

Wrap Up

When we discuss scripture, it's essential that we don't become only faithful listeners of it, but we become faithful doers of it (James 1:22-25). With this in mind, put today's lesson into action.

Ask: *how can you apply these verses to your life?*

As always, ask for prayer requests and pray for one another.