

Colossians Week 1: Wonder

Discussion Guide

Discuss:

- Describe something you have seen that was a true “wonder,” perhaps even one of the seven wonders of the world. [5 min]
- Read together [Colossians 1:15–20](#). What functions do you see Jesus play here that “image” what God does? Feel free to pull in other passages and stories from Jesus’ life. [5 min]
- Read [Colossians 1:21–23](#). What does it mean to you to be transformed into the image of Jesus? (See also [Colossians 2:9](#) and [Ephesians 3:19; 4:13](#)) [5 min]
- If you are brave enough, share a place in your life that God is working on you to look more like him by giving Jesus more space to work on your character. [5 min]

Challenge:

Share one thing in your life that has changed because of Jesus that could make someone wonder if God could do the same for them. [10 min]

Scriptures:

- **Colossians 1:15** (NIV) “The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.”
- **Colossians 2:9** (NIV) “For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.”
- **John 1:1–3** (NIV) “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.”

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.”

- **John 1:18** (NIV) “No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.”
- **John 14:9** (NIV) “Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”
- **2 Corinthians 4:4** (NIV) “The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”
- **Ephesians 3:19** (NIV) “... and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”
- **Ephesians 4:13** (NIV) “...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”
- **Hebrews 1:3** (NIV) “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”

Prayer:

Go around the room and simply speak to Jesus what you see in him. Identify his characteristics as God. These could be short sentences or even single words. Basically, you are complimenting Jesus. And that, essentially, is what we call worship.