

DIGGING DEEPER

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This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you and your group. If you missed the message (or want to hear it again) go to fopc.org/sermon or download the Fair Oaks Church App.

PRAY [Have someone open in prayer]

Pray for this study and for what is going on in each others lives.

MESSAGE SUMMARY

This week at Fair Oaks Church we continued our series *Colossians—Beware*, the journey of following Jesus has its dangers both inside and outside the church.

KEY SCRIPTURE [Read aloud]

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. **Colossians 2:8 (NIV)**

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. **Colossians 2:16 (NIV)**

Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. **Colossians 2:18 (NIV)**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that stood out to you in this week's message?
2. Share a time when you misplaced your trust in someone or gave too much power to something or someone. How did that circumstance develop? Did it have a positive or negative impact on your life? What risks do we have when we give too much trust or power to something other than Christ?
3. As a group, read Colossians 2:8 (Captivated), 2:16 (Judged), and 2:18 (Disqualified). What is Paul warning us to be careful of? What are some examples of being captivated, judged, or disqualified?
4. What is an idol? In the previous passage, can you identify the idols that the Colossians church was struggling with? What are some idols in your life? How could these idols captivate you, make you feel judged, or even disqualify you in your relationship with Jesus?
5. As a group, read Colossians 2:13-14. What does it mean to be alive in Christ? What code or regulations did Christ cancel? What impact does this have on you? How complete is your salvation? What is the only way to find salvation?

PRAY

Spend some time in prayer for one another as a group. A great way to grow this week is to confess some idols that you are struggling with, and then pray for them as a group.