

Mystery – Who Did It?
Weekend Discussion Questions
February 14-15, 2015

Community:

1. Is it easy or difficult for you to believe in conspiracy theories? Why or why not?
2. What are one or two conspiracy theories you're more inclined to believe in?

Core:

1. During this series, we're going to look at Paul's letter to the people in a small town called Colossae. Paul had never visited Colossae, but wanted to encourage the church. What would be difficult about writing a letter to encourage a church that you'd never been to?
2. The people of Colossae were wrestling with the same mystery that all people wrestle with: "How does life work best?" If you asked that question to a typical American, what do you think they'd say? How does that differ from what someone following Jesus would say?
3. The people of Colossae also would blend together different religious and superstitious elements to make one "spirituality"—how have you seen people do the same thing today? What's the inherent problem with that?
4. Look at Colossians 1:3-6. Why do you think Paul keeps on hammering on the words "grace/gospel", and "truth"?
5. Now read verses 11-14. What does Paul mean when he says that God has "qualified" us?
6. Read verses 15-18. Paul mentions a lot of different qualifications of Jesus to justify His "preeminence". Which one of the qualifications sticks out to you? Why?
7. Scott said, "*This is not about **allowing** God to be first in your life...this is about **recognizing that He is.***" Why is it important that we make that distinction?
8. Now read verses 19-23. What did Paul mean when he wrote that Jesus would "reconcile all to things to Himself"?
9. When all things are reconciled to Jesus and put in their right place, how does life start to work better?

Challenge:

1. Would you say that Jesus sits on the throne of your life? What reasoning would you give for your answer?
2. What would change in your life if you continually recognized that Jesus sits on the throne?