

Small Group Discussion Questions – January 9, 2011

"The High Price of Being Human" ~ Colossians 2

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Pendulum Swings: Pendulum swings, better known as icebreakers or getting started questions, are just a fun way to kickoff your small group time together by going from the not so serious to deeper connecting times.

As you begin your Small Group this week ... ***"This year ..."***

1. "... our goal as a small group is to?"
2. "... how may we include others in our small group?"
3. "... do we want to spin off a new small group?"
4. "... what other things do we want to accomplish as a small group?"

READ: **Colossians** from the Message – *i.e., not your usual version*
(download available at < www.biblegateway.com >

1. Paul states that the mystery of God *"is Christ in you, the hope of glory"* (1:27).
 - In Col. 2:9,10, he writes that *"ALL the fullness of Deity lives (in Christ) in bodily form, and in Christ we have been brought to fullness."*
 - Discuss how believing this could form our true identity.
 - What could that mean to us as we face temptations, trials, and suffering in this world?
2. Paul deals with a heresy in Colosse. which obviously was a concern for him.
 - The heresy, whatever it was, devalued Christ as they had *'lost connection to the head'* (2:19).
 - Any teaching that says that something other than Christ is needed - for salvation or for strength to overcome sin - is true heresy.
 - What might be your 'heresy' that you have bought into that has hindered your walk with Christ?
 - Is there a Searcy 'heresy' that has hindered your walk with Christ?
3. In Col. 3:1-4, Paul gives us sound advice on what we need to focus on.
 - What specific ways have you, could you – *"set your hearts and minds on things above?"*