

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

BIG IDEA: the Christian life is about continuing in the way it started - all about Jesus!

Do you tend to keep at one project for a long time, or do you like to be starting new things all of the time?

Read Colossians 2:6-7.

What does it mean to have 'received Christ Jesus as Lord'? (also see Colossians 1:15-20 for Paul's expanded description of Jesus and the gospel in this letter)

"Continue" is the key word in these verses. How are the Colossians to "continue"?

In small groups pick one of the passages below each. What situation do they seem to be dealing with and what would be tempting about this?

- a) Col 2:2-5
 - i. *Need encouragement, unity, understanding*
- b) Col 2:8-10
 - i. *Being fooled by human philosophies - anything that devalues Jesus' saving work on the cross can enslave people.*
- c) Col 2:16-17
 - i. *Food laws - being judged by others*
- d) Col 2:18
 - i. *People delighting in angels*
- e) Col 2:20-23
 - i. *Food laws.*

Draw a picture of what Paul's saying in Col 2:6-7. How will the Colossians doing this, help them to guard against those temptations they're facing?

What are the areas where we're tempted to not follow Jesus?

How can we encourage each other as a growth group this year to not give into those temptations?

Pray for one another and for our growth group this year.