**Jesus In Relation to God**

1. Explain in your own words verse 15 where Paul says, “Christ is the visible image of the invisible God”? Why do you think God chose to reveal himself to man in this way?
2. Using the following passages explain what it means for Jesus to be the image of God:

* Hebrews 1:3 –
* Phil. 2:6 –
* John 14:9 –
* John 1:14 –

**Jesus In Relation to the Universe**

1. The term “firstborn” refers to the heir and the inheritor, the most important, primary and preeminent human to have ever lived. What are 3 of the reason Jesus has primacy in the universe (vv. 16-18)?
2. What does it mean to you to know that by Jesus all things are held together?
3. In light the political and social climate of today, why is it important that we realize that Christ is supreme, sufficient, and enough?
4. How can this information stimulate your faith, help you put Christ first, and move you on to spiritual maturity?

**Jesus in Relation to the Spiritual World**

1. Paul reminds us that the unseen world was created by Jesus and the principalities and powers that rule the unseen world are subject to him. Have you contemplated the battle in the unseen world with angels and demons? As a Christian, what comfort do you take in knowing that Jesus is supreme over all principalities, powers and authorities?

**Jesus in Relation to the Church**

1. New Testament writers refer to the church as a family, a kingdom, a vineyard, a flock, a building, a temple, a bride, and an army. Which metaphor holds the most weight for you? Why?
2. What is Jesus’ relationship to the church (vv. 18-19)? What does it means that the “fullness” of God was in him?
3. Read Philippians 2:8-11. What do you think it was like for Jesus to leave heaven and become a man?
4. As a result of learning all we have of the supremacy of Jesus and his headship of us, the church, what should our response be?