

- What would you say to a friend who thinks Jesus is irrelevant?

- While praise is certainly more than singing, it's definitely not less. Pick a song as a group and end your meeting time singing it.

MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 1:19-20

For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

When you lose your gratitude in life, look for it in Christ!



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CHRIST IS ENOUGH FOR MY PRAISE

Week of: **Sunday, May 12th, 2019**

WARM-UP

Old or new, what is your favorite Christian song?

SERMON REVIEW

Jesus is the visible manifestation of God and our eternal Creator and Reconciler who has supremacy in the universe and the church. And He is enough for our gratitude and praise. Regardless of the circumstances we find ourselves in, we can praise Christ because of who He is. As we continually reflect on God's ability and remind ourselves of His promises, we will experience His grace. Instead of allowing ourselves to wallow in self-pity choose, by faith, to believe what the Scriptures declare to be true and then praise God for it. We can have hearts that are filled with praise and gratitude despite our emotions or circumstances.

SERMON APPLICATION

This weekend we saw how we can experience hearts of praise even when we don't think our life is going great.

Psalms 47:6

Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

- When do you tend to feel ungrateful? What leads up to that feeling?

- How has the person and work of Christ enabled you to be grateful despite the things you listed in the previous question?

- How can knowing that Jesus' cosmic authority as Creator and Rescuer bring confidence to your heart?

- Share one, achievable action step that you would like to put into practice from this past week's sermon.

GROUP STUDY

- Read Colossians 1:15-20 out loud as a group. Write down each time Paul says "all," and "every(thing)". What point is Paul trying to make?

- EXERCISE: Fill out the chart below and share your answers with your group.

	vs. 15-17	vs. 18-20
How is Jesus described?		
What does Jesus achieve?		

- Why is it so important that Jesus is God's image?

- Read verse 20. What is the extent of Jesus' victory on the cross?

- How would you explain *how* Christ's death on the cross creates peace?
