

“The Edge” Sunday, September 12, 2010
God Wants To Be First!

Read [Colossians 1:15-20](#) together and answer the following questions.

1. What does it mean that Christ is the “image of the invisible God”?
2. Image: In the Greek language, this word is "i-KONE", from which we get our English word "icon." It means "image, likeness, representation, or manifestation." Jesus is the icon of God, Who we cannot see. Jesus shows us the true image and likeness of God. He represents God to us, and is in fact God Himself manifested in the flesh.
2. What is the meaning of “all things are held together in him”? What things? (Is he talking about atoms? The universe? Relationships? International politics? Others?) What do you think would happen practically if God ceased to hold all things together?
3. It's all about Jesus. He made everything, He holds everything together, He has inherited everything, and so He has first place in everything. Since it's all based on Him, then we should understand that if we're going to be reconciled in our relationship with God, it's all going to be about Him too. Discuss how knowing this truth affects your thoughts, words, and actions.
4. Jesus wants to be first in everything. That includes at home, at school, etc. Being honest with one another, ask each other the following question...Are you putting God first? Discuss your answers with each other.
5. Take some time to pray and praise Christ for His rule of the universe and your life and ask His help to grow in these truths.

Read [Matthew 6:31-33](#) together and answer the following questions.

1. Discuss what's most important to you? Why is it important?
2. Jesus emphasizes all throughout his ministry that three things are of supreme importance: loving God with all our heart, loving our neighbor, and seeking after God's Kingdom. If we do those things, everything else will fall into place; the hand of the Creator will be there helping each thing find its proper place. He knows what we need. He has a plan for our lives. He will meet our needs. Does this mean things will be easy or always go well for us?
3. God knows we need material things in this life, but how did Jesus say we should go about getting them?
4. Discuss as a family what things you are doing now to keep God first. Then discuss some things that you need to start doing to keep God first.
5. Pray together as a family and tell God how thankful you are for His sufficiency and ask Him to help you stand firm on Jesus.

For further discussion topics on this subject read the following:

- [Hebrews 1:2-3](#)
- [Roman 8:28](#)