

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

IN REAL LIFE: WEEK 1

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Have you (or anyone you know) ever fallen for a counterfeit? What was that like? How were you able to distinguish the real from the fake? What lessons did you ultimately learn from that experience?

What are some of the “fake” (or imitation) things we see in our world today? How do the fakes often compare to the real thing? What are some of the reasons why people settle for the fake? What keeps them from pursuing what’s real?

Read Colossians 1:9-14. What are some of the requests that Paul prayed over the church in Colossae? What are some things he wanted them to know/experience? How would knowing these things improve their lives? How would they help them live a “real” life?

Looking at the prayer requests Paul makes for the Colossians, which of them is most significant to you? Which prayer request would you want someone to pray over your life? How do you think this request would improve your life/faith? As a group, commit to praying these same requests over one another this week.

Read Colossians 1:15-23. Paul describes the real Jesus in these verses. What are some false conceptions people today have about Jesus? How does this passage speak into those misconceptions? Based on these verses, how would you describe the real Jesus to someone who didn’t know Him?

Colossians 1 reminds us that we were all once enemies of God. Looking back on your life before Christ, in what ways were you His enemy? What was the gap between who you were and who He called you to be? How have you seen Jesus cover that gap in your life and bring peace in your relationship with God?