

Every class will choose when to gather in homes, about twice a month, to share what class members are learning and to go deeper together in prayer. These in-home gatherings are for believers to encourage one another in applying the truths learned in the prior two Worship Service sermons and the two prior Sunday School lessons. This will give you an extended opportunity to **See and Share** together with like-minded believers wanting to make the most of this opportunity.

The equipment: your Bible, *first [place] love LEARNER GUIDES*, and sermon notes from the last 2 weeks (sermon notes and the pastor's sermon is on www.fbcwinnsboro.org click on **first place love**)



1. Reflect on your church experience over the years. Has the ascension and exaltation of Christ gotten much attention in your church experiences? Why do you think that is? Review Lesson 7. Why did the ascension have such prominence to the original apostles and Paul?
2. How does a lack of emphasis on the ascension and exaltation of Christ weaken believers' vision of Christ? Conversely, how does an emphasis on Christ's ascension and exaltation expand worship of Christ, their love for Him, obedience, His call on their lives, etc.?
3. Which of Christ's activities in heaven for you means the most to you? Why?
4. The pastor's July 19th sermon gave focus to Colossians 3:1-4. Consider the phrase "**Christ, who is our life**" (v. 4): Which statement best reflects the intended meaning of that phrase: 1) "Christ, who is the one who saved me" or 2) "Christ, the one my life revolves around"? What clues in the text of these 4 verses favor one of those interpretations over the other? Could it be said of our church, or you, that life revolves around Christ?
5. How does the Kingship of Jesus affect your loyalty to His Kingdom? How does your loyalty to His Kingdom eclipse your passion for and actions that serve the United States?
6. How does the fact that Jesus legally owns you (many times over) affect your relationship with Him? How does His love for you sweeten any hesitancy about His Lordship?
7. In a nutshell, how would you describe the sovereignty of Jesus today in this world? How would you describe His reign over you as an individual? Which area of Christ's reign over you individually do you naturally rebel against: mind, heart/emotions, body, life roles, time?
8. How does it make you feel that as a new creation, Christ has set you apart to be His ambassador, or representative, to other people to impact them for eternity? Do you feel qualified for this? Are you? What are ways to exercise that ambassador role?
9. What are statements or Scriptures the Holy Spirit has used to increase the fervency of your love for Christ and full surrender to His Lordship over the last two weeks?
10. Read Colossians 3:5-11. How does the supremacy of Christ shed light on "putting off" old actions (vv. 5-7), attitudes (v. 8) and appearances (vv. 9-11)? How might this passage be misunderstood by well-meaning believers yet to understand the supremacy of Christ?