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THE CROSS AS VICTORY | Colossians 2:6-15

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SUMMARY

This past weekend we concluded our series The Message of the Cross by looking at the cross as victory.

READ

Colossians 2:6-15.

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

DISCUSS

- 1) Verse 6: What do you think it means to '...receive Christ Jesus as Lord' and then 'continue to live your lives in him'?
- 2) Verse 8: What forces are at work in and around us that lead us to be 'taken captive'?
- 3) What is your understanding/view of spiritual forces and the influence those forces have, or don't have, on our lives?
 - In verse 10, Paul says that in Christ we have been 'brought to fullness.'
- 4) What does Paul's reference to circumcision and baptism have to do with living into fullness of life?
- 5) Verses 13-15: What role does the cross play in us being forgiven and set free?

RESPOND

In what area of your life are you feeling stuck or captive? With that place of captivity on your mind, walk through this practice together:

- Ask Jesus if this place of bondage is related to a deception or lie you have believed and ask him to reveal what the lie is.
- Renounce (reject) any lie that comes to mind.
- Embrace the truth that stands in opposition to this lie.
- Invite Jesus to heal that place of woundedness.

Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.

PRAY

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

The practice we've learned is a practice of listening and responsive prayer. Ask Jesus to keep your heart open to his promptings that are leading you in to victory and fullness.