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Today's Scripture Passage: Isaiah 9:6, Colossians 1:15-20

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6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. The passage in Colossians (1:15-20) describes Jesus. He is pre-eminent or supreme. Cite some ways in this passage that Jesus exercised and presently exercises His power.
2. Why is it essential to the nature of Jesus that He be all powerful?
3. If Jesus is so powerful, why did He come into the world as a helpless infant?
4. Lord Acton said "If power tends to corrupt then absolute power corrupts absolutely." Do you agree? If so, why is that NOT true of Jesus?
5. How has Jesus used this power in your life?

Prayer

1. That we would submit to Jesus' rule over our lives.
2. Pray for the leadership at Crossroads.
3. Pray for our priorities during this season of celebration.
4. Pray for world and national leaders to be wise and aware of their accountability before God.