

#3 Your Jesus is Too Small!

Colossians 1:15-19 (ESV)

Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell...

PREEMINENCE PRINCIPLE #3:

Putting Jesus First is fueled and sustained by an enlarged view of JESUS!

1. Jesus was and is no less than **GOD HIMSELF**

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2. Jesus is the highest ranking **BEING** in the Universe

Colossians 1:16 ...the firstborn of all creation.

3. All things were created THROUGH, BY, AND FOR Jesus

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4. Jesus is the **ORIGINATOR AND SUSTAINER** of everything

<u>Colossians 1:17</u> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

5. Jesus is the **LIVING HEAD** of His Church

<u>Colossians 1:19</u> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

- 1. What is your favorite part of God's creation?
- 2. During one dinnertime this week, talk with each other about this question: "Who is Jesus and what is He like?"
- 3. What does it mean to put Jesus first in all you do?

BIBLE READING PLAN			
	Sunday: Isaiah 8		Thursday: Isaiah 12
	Monday: Isaiah 9		Friday: Isaiah 13
	Tuesday: Isaiah 10		Saturday: Isaiah 14
	Wednesday: Isaiah :	11	Sunday: Isaiah 15