

7. Which ideas are most influential in American culture today?  
Who are the champions of these ideas? What artifacts  
communicate them?

# Sermon Notes

"How We Make Sense of the World"

Colossians 1-2

July 14, 2019

## Introduction

Weekly Church Involvement

Ages 65+ %

Ages 50-64 %

Ages 30-49 %

Ages 18-29 %

## Colossians 1-2

Let's Pray:

## Understanding Culture

## Conclusion

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 07-14-19

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 220-223; John Stonestreet & Brett Kunkle, A Practical Guide to Culture, David C. Cook, Colorado Springs, CO, 2017, pp. 39.

### Getting Started:

1. After hearing from Epaphras about the situation in Colosse, the Apostle Paul first prays and then dictates a letter to be sent to this church. Although he's not met most of these believers, he offers some sound, bold advice to them. What good advice have you never forgotten?

### Digging Deeper:

Read Colossians 1-2.

2. What can we learn about praying for others from Paul's prayers (1:3, 9-12) for the Colossians?

3. Why did Paul take the time to describe the qualities and achievements of Christ (1:13-22; 2:9-15)? What difference does our understanding about Christ make?

4. How does Paul describe the false teaching that he is concerned about (2:4, 8, 16-23)? What "fine-sounding arguments" draw some Christians away from the faith?

### For Further Study:

Read Stonestreet & Kunkle, A Practical Guide to Culture, chap 1.

5. What are some of the mistaken ways you've heard people talk about the culture?
6. What are the often unnoticed norms of the local culture where you live? How are they different from what you've seen or experienced in other cultures?