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## Finding Rest in Jesus Colossians 1:13-20 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

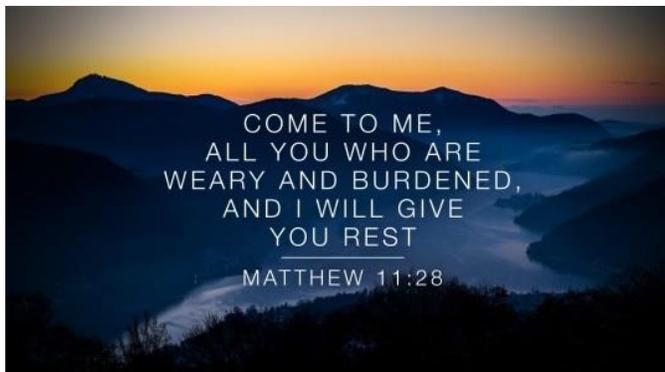
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



It is all too easy for us to feel the pressure of society in today's world. Often we find ourselves stressed out dealing with the difficulties of life. This week we will start a series called "Finding Rest in Jesus". Jesus is the creator of all things and the savior of the World. As the Veggie Tales song says; He is bigger than the boogey man. He is also bigger than all of our problems and troubles combined. We can find rest in His love when we recognize His authority over all of Heaven and earth.



## Colossians 1:13-20 (NASB)

### The Incomparable Christ

<sup>13</sup> For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have

been created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, <sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

### ● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

② **EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. Who is the image of the invisible God?

9. Why does it refer to Jesus as first born if He has always been?

10. What was created by Jesus?

11. According to this passage what role does Jesus play in our lives today?

12. How does Jesus reconcile all things?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**Why does this MATTER to me?**

13. How does this description of Jesus help us rest in Him?

14. We all have times in life when we are stressed about the things going on in our lives. What are some things we can do to find rest in Jesus?

15. What are some of the lies that we start to believe that keep us from finding rest and security in Jesus?

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage**

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...