

These notes are designed to be used by small groups on Zoom, by members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. They are based on our Sunday sermons and are designed to help us all think through the issues raised about “God in my Everything”. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

Sermon Date

Sunday, 21st February. David Long

Bible Passage

Colossians 2: 6 - 10

Theme & Introduction

Paul encourages the Colossians, who are facing pressure from false teachers, to keep going in their faith.

Questions

- 1 ‘You received Christ Jesus as Lord’ (verse 6). What does the lordship of Christ mean in your life? What things have been easy to bring under his authority, and what things have been difficult?
- 2 Paul says that Christians have been ‘rooted in Christ and are being built up in him’ (Colossians 2: 7). As you have grown as a Christian, what things have been helpful in this? Are there particular books, practices, examples or people who have helped you? What advice would you give to someone who has just become a Christian?
- 3 Chew over Colossians 1: 12 – 14.
In the sermon on his inauguration as Archbishop of York, John Sentamu said:

The scandal of the church is that the Christ-event is no longer life-changing; it has become life-enhancing. We've lost the power and joy that makes real disciples and we've become consumers of religion and not disciples of Jesus Christ.

Do you think that is true of the church at large, or true of you? What needs to be done?
- 4 Have a look at Colossians 6: 8 – 10. The Colossian church, and many others in the New Testament, was bothered by false teachers. Jesus says there will be false prophets (Matthew 7: 15). Are there still false teachers around? How would we recognise them?