

COLOSSIANS

A STUDY THROUGH PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

WEEK 6

Colossians 2:16-23

LET NO ONE DISQUALIFY YOU

Fathom Church exists to glorify God by making disciples who submit to the Word of God, respond in the worship of God, live in the community of God, and join on the Mission of God. This study guide should be used the week preceding the sermon it supplements. It is primarily intended to be used in a Fathom Church Discipleship Group. For more information about Fathom Discipleship Groups please visit <http://fathomchurch.org/groups/>

MAIN TEXT: Colossians 2:16-23

WORD OF GOD: *What is this text saying?*

1. Again, this passage begins with the word "therefore," so, what is the context that this passage is following?
2. There seems to be a theme of religious or spiritual activities in this passage. What do you know about the rituals listed, and why might Paul be writing about these?

WORSHIP OF GOD: *How does this text affect my relationship with God?*

1. Paul is critiquing specific regulations and practices. What role do rules and regulations play in the Christian's worship of God?
2. What is the different between a rule/regulation AND a spiritual discipline (such as fasting)? How would you decipher the correct/incorrect way of implementing these practices?

COMMUNITY OF GOD: *How does this text affect our relationships with each other?*

1. What kind of experiences have you had where certain rituals that "Christians" practice may have made you uncomfortable (i.e. speaking in tongues, recited prayers, etc.)?
2. What kind of diversity is allowable within the body of Christ at large?

MISSION OF GOD: *What action steps are needed in response to this text?*

1. Does the way we practice our worship have any bearing on how we are viewed from outside the church? Does it affect our mission?

