

## OPEN

Go around and let everyone answer...

What does the average non-believer think Jesus is like?

## DIG

Years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah said that he would be identified as "Mighty God" (Isaiah 9:6).

**Read Colossians 1:15-17** and identify ways the earliest Christians recognized how Jesus was mighty and powerful, just as they expected of God...

*"...Everything was created through him and for him...." (NLT)*

How does this passage show a different Jesus than the average non-believer imagines?

Based on this passage, what is more powerful than Christ?

If people watched your actions instead of reading this passage, how big or powerful would they think your Jesus is?

**Read Colossians 1:18-20** and look for ways that the power of Christ impacts your own life...

*"...God made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross." (NLT)*

Over what specific things does Jesus exercise greater authority or power?

The passage says the fullness of God lives in Christ. In what ways does knowing Christ help you understand the nature of God?

In what ways has Jesus brought reconciliation and peace to your world?

## APPLY

As head over all things, in what ways do you let Christ be head over your life?

What forces make you forget how much impact Christ can have in your life?

In what area do you need to live in the power of Christ this next week?

-GLR

## Leaders

### Sermon Series

This discussion guide comes from the current lesson in a series about some names of the Messiah recorded in Isaiah 9. One of those names is "Mighty God," a powerful phrase showing the power and authority of Jesus.

### Big Idea

This lesson explores ways for you to trust the power of Christ in you in order to do the plans of God in your life.

### Prayer

Pray for courage to pursue great things for God, trusting his power through Christ at work in you.

### Group Discussion Reminder

The end of the year is a time that many people think about Christ, even if they do not at any other time in the year. Find someone new to invite to your group, especially if some of your holiday activities include a special meal or celebration.