

Message Reflection Guide

Who's the real enemy? | Colossians 1:21-23



Conversation Starter

Have you ever proven a “hater” wrong? What happened—and how did it feel?

The Position: enemies of God

Read Colossians 1:21. What does it mean to be hostile in our minds?

Have you ever felt angry with God or distanced from Him? What thoughts or situations fueled that hostility?

The Initiation: Jesus came to us

Read Colossians 1:22. What do the words *holy*, *blameless*, and *above reproach* mean? How are these connected to God's identity?

What accusing lies do you tend to believe about yourself? How could you replace those with gospel affirmations

The Response: I give my life

Read Colossians 1:23. Compare Galatians 3:1–3 and Colossians 1:23. What does it look like to continue in faith rather than reverting to self-effort?

Have you ever treated grace like a one-time gift instead of a daily lifeline? What helps you remain in the Spirit?

Where do we go from here?

1. **Recognize the Real Enemy** – Ask, “Where am I believing hostility instead of grace?”
2. **Replace Accusation with Affirmation** – Memorize Colossians 1:22 and speak it over yourself daily.
3. **Remain in the Spirit** – Make space each day to walk in the Spirit: through listening prayer, reading/studying/memorizing Scripture, and/or just breathing in truth.

Prayer

Father, thank You for Jesus—who didn't wait for us to come to You, but came to reconcile us. Remind us that the real enemy is not other people, but the hostility in our own hearts. Help us to recognize the lies, replace them with Your truth, and remain rooted in your Holy Spirit. May we live each day from our new identity: holy, blameless, and above reproach in Christ. Amen.