

Sermon Discussion Guide

June 20, 2021

Mixed Messages

Colossians 2:6-23

Responses & Reactions

- Did anything in this week's message make you uncomfortable? If so, what and why?

Digging Deeper

- In Colossians 2, Paul reflects on popular first century religious ideas and philosophies that are getting mixed into Jesus-faith in problematic ways. Meghan suggested three popular twenty-first century religious ideas and philosophies that she believes are often mixed with Jesus-faith today (self-fulfillment religion, freedom religion, power religion).

Do you agree with Meghan that these three "mixes" are a problem? In what ways do each of these ideas part ways with the teachings of Jesus or depart from the Christian gospel?

Bringing it Home

- What other popular twenty first century religions, philosophies, or ideas do you see getting mixed up with Jesus-faith? What do these ideas get wrong? What if anything do you think they get right?
- How do we recognize when we are "synthesizing" something with Christian faith that is incompatible with it?