

# MORE DISTANCE

September 10, 2023

## MESSAGE RECAP

When God reconciles us, through Christ, he took the first step in helping us see that we're no longer alienated or an enemy of God. This is where our faith and hope live. When we look at how far we've come in our faith, there should be more distance between who we used to be and who we are today. The Gospel has that impact on our lives and should be something that we proclaim in our lives.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Has there ever been a time where you felt like you didn't belong? How did that make you feel? What did you do about it?
2. Read [Colossians 1:21](#). What reasons would the Colossian Christians have felt alienated from God? What made them enemies of God?
3. Think about people who might feel alienated from God and/or the Church? How can we help them see that they belong?
4. What affect does sin have in our relationship with God?
5. Why is it important to remember our past when thinking about the Grace of God? Is there a danger of dwelling on it?
6. Read [Colossians 1:22-23](#). Paul mentions several things that God did for us. What are those? Is there one that stands out to you?
7. Share with the group when things all changed for you, and you saw yourself no longer alienated and an enemy of God, but instead reconciled with God.
8. Is there someone that needs to hear your story this week? Pray for that person as a group? Pray for opportunities this week to share your story.

## PRAY