Small Group Questions

**Jesus and His Kingdom of Subversive Love (Col. 1:15-20)**

1. Read vs. 1:13,14. In light of these verses, what do you think of Winky Pratney’s statement: ***“First God takes you out of the world, then he takes the world out of you, then he puts you back into the world.”***

Agree, disagree?

1. Read 1:15-20. Marvel.
2. Jesus is distinguished over all others:

* Because he is Supreme in Creation (He made everything)
* Because he is Supreme in Redemption (He’s making everything new)
* In what ways is Jesus the image (icon) of the invisible God? What made this statement politically subversive?
* What does it mean “Jesus is the firstborn over all creation”? What doesn’t it mean?
* What are the “thrones, powers, rulers, and authorities”, and how exactly does Jesus rule over them?
* How radical of a concept was it for Paul to state that Jesus was the head of the body, the church? What are the implications of this reality for the church?
* Define “Kingdom of God”. How do you envision the Kingdom of God and it’s King having supremacy over everything?
* Discuss the church’s role in peace making and reconciliation.