



Study Guide: Session Seven

GETTING STARTED

Find on YouTube the clip from the Wizard of Oz where the Wizard is revealed to be controlling the FX from behind the curtain. Discuss ways in which we control things about our lives (or try to) that God really was to be in charge of.

OBSERVATION

Read Colossians 1:17-18

Note His relation to these three things

Eternity – He exists before anything (*“He is before all things”*)

Creation – He is involved in everything (*“In Him all things consist”*)

Church – He is the only thing (*“in all things He may have the preeminence”*)

DISCUSSION

Based on the above truths about God, we should worship, trust and serve Him.

Discuss way in which we try to cover that we are “The man behind the curtain” and stand in God’s place.

Some possibilities to discuss would be...

We may substitute our feeling or experience or our performance for true worship.

We may substitute our fears or adopt a controlling attitude in place of genuine trust.

We may substitute our self-will, or a competitive spirit for a spirit of servanthood.