

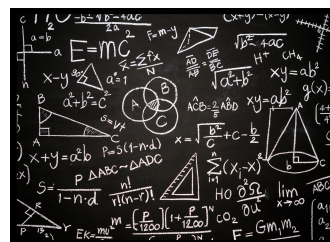
Series: Just Jesus  
Passage: Colossians 1:1-8  
Speaker: Pastor Jon

## THE LIFE CHALLENGE

### CONNECT

Some people are math people (not Pastor Jon). It seems like people find math either easy or very difficult. How do you feel about math? What was your experience growing up with it?

What do you find hard or easy about math?



### IDENTITY

The Colossian problem is trying to add things to the good news message. Jesus plus other stuff. What are some things you think Christians or Canadians commonly add to Jesus?

What is hard about believing that Jesus is the only way to salvation? How would you respond to a friend asking you whether or not all religions might lead to the same place?

#### Defeater Beliefs

cultural consensus beliefs  
that make Christianity seem  
implausible to non-  
Christians



### THE EXAMEN

Paul talks about the BIG THREE: **Faith, Love and Hope**. If someone who knows you well were talking about you, which of these do you think they would say is your biggest struggle? Why?

**Read 2 Corinthians 2:14 again.** In what ways or places do you smell most like the fragrance of Jesus? Share any stories of moments when you felt like people were catching the fragrance of Jesus from you.

### PRACTICE

Paul is clear that receiving grace is connected to both HEARING and UNDERSTANDING. We can't pass on what we haven't experienced. In what ways has grace become personal in your life? What daily or weekly practices help you connect with the living presence of Jesus, not just knowing about Him?

*I don't believe in  
God. I know God.*

Carl Jung

### PRAY TOGETHER

Colossians is a letter encouraging us all to put Jesus first. Share an area of your life or area of struggle in which you would like to see Jesus lifted up this week. **Then pray for one another.**