

**The Message of Jesus**  
Core Group Discussion Guide  
04-29-2018

**Message Overview:**

This message is about the “message” effective churches are instilling in their young people. In this message we will examine the importance of a Jesus centered message and its effect on young people’s faith. We will also examine a few popular “messages” in churches that do not help young people develop a mature faith.

**Text:**

- Colossians 1:15-23

**Questions for Discussion:**

(Discussion Hint: If your group is struggling to respond, ask them to discuss the question with the people next to them. Then work around the circle asking each group to share their response with the group.)

1. In the message today, we learned that some kinds of beliefs churches carry undermine the faith of people. Can you briefly describe some of those messages?
  - a. Why do you think those messages are attractive to us?
2. We also learned what kind of message helps develop a deep and lasting faith. How would you describe that kind of message?
3. In what ways do you think MCA takes the message of Jesus seriously?
4. In what ways do you think MCA might improve the way we take Jesus seriously?
5. One of the recommendations for churches taking the message of Jesus seriously is to share more testimonies.
  - a. Why is this helpful?
6. Another recommendation is to emphasize rituals such as communion, baptism, baby dedications.
  - a. Why is it helpful to have actions that symbolize our faith?
  - b. Can you think of a time when communion was especially meaningful? What made it so?

Additional Notes: