

RISEN IN ME: I AM _____
DEVOTION AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

Colossians 2:6-15 ESV

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Title: Risen in Me: I am _____

- How do you introduce yourself? I am _____?
- How do you describe your identity in Christ? I am _____?

Fully Alive—what does that mean to you personally? What is different about the thoughts, actions, and attitudes of a person that lives their life in Christ, Fully Alive?

Lego Illustration: How did this illustration speak to you? What is a messy disaster in your life right now? How do the thoughts below bring you comfort in the messes of everyday life?

- All the pieces you need are already there in Christ.
- The clear instructions you need are already there in the Bible.
- The Loving Father is always there watching over you in the messiness of building your life.

Thought to takeaway: To be Fully Alive means to live “in Him.”

- What does it mean to live in Him?
- To be found in Christ is to have everything you need.

1. In Him...I am Fully Found (vs. 6-7)

- How is your journey in Christ progressing? Your union with Him? Your devotion to Him? Where have you been “un-faith-filled” (unfaithful)?
- What do you fear the most? What do you fail at the most?
- Can you fill in the blanks?
The place I fear the (most) is the place I trust God the (least) .
The place I fail the (most) is the place I need God the (most) .

2. In Him....I am Fully Filled (vs. 9-10)

- In what ways do you sometimes feel incomplete? Is there an area in your life where you are unsatisfied, or insecure? When was the last time you felt alone or empty? Where are you “un-fully-filled” (unfulfilled)?
- Why do you think we’re sometimes tempted to think or act as though our salvation isn’t enough?
- The places you feel alone, frustrated, or unfulfilled are the places you need to invite Christ to come.

3. In Him....I am Fully Finished (vs. 12-13)

- How would you define the word ‘finished?’
- If our salvation is finished work, why do you think we still feel the tension between sin and Christlikeness?
- Finished has two seemingly opposite definitions:
 - Finished—wrecked, doomed, ruined destroyed, bankrupt, washed up, over the hill, beaten, done for, over with, at whit’s end, unraveled.
 - Finished—flawless, complete, finalized, fulfilled, wrapped up, final.
- To be finished (perfectly complete) we must be finished (absolutely wrecked).
- Where do you feel unfinished, incomplete, or lacking?
- You are fully alive in Him—His masterpiece!

Thought to takeaway: To be Fully Alive means to live “in Him.”

- To be found in Christ is to have everything you need.
- How could this message shape the way you view your present circumstances? What could be different about you and the way you perceive the situations you’re in if you remembered that you are **fully found, fully filled, and fully finished?**