He is the Head of the Body, the Church

Col. 1:18, Col. 2:8-10, Col. 2:18-19
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Colossians 1:18

And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Colossians 2:8-10

⁸See 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.

Colossians 2:18-19

¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

Table Discussion Questions:

- 1. When you hear the word "Church" what do you think of? How would you explain the concept of "Church" to someone who has never heard of Jesus Christ?
- 2. How have consumerism and individualism impacted the western church?
- 3. What does it mean to be "in Christ"? What does our union with Christ tell us about our union with one another?
- 4. What does it mean to be a Christ-centered church? What things are we tempted to hold central instead?
- 5. How does Christ exercise His authority over the Church? What are the marks of a true church?
- 6. How is Christ the builder of the Church? What hope does this give us for the Church's success?