

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF OCT 4TH 2015
SHADOW OR SUBSTANCE COLOSSIANS 2:16-23

Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!

I. Getting to Know You

There may be some new members in the group so please take a moment to tell a little about yourself. Is there anything from your summer that stands out in your mind?

II. Digging Deeper

1. Based on Col 2:16-23, should Christians live by any outward standards?

2. What is the difference between living by proper standards and embracing "shadow worship"?

3. Why is it so easy to be seduced by "shadow worship" (verse 23)? How can we protect ourselves from being deceived?

4. What does it mean to hold fast to Christ according to verse 19?

III. Making it Personal

5. Of the 4 "shadows:" legalism, ritualism, mysticism and asceticism, which do you think you are more prone to? Why do you think that is so?

6. List 2 or 3 specific steps we can take to hold fast to Christ.

7. How can we live out the significance of dying with Christ (verse 20)?

IV. Prayer