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Ice Breaker: Share about your experience of change if you have ever changed citizenship or if you are in the process. Or if you have switched schools or belong to a new family or any other major change in belonging.

1. We all entered this world in the domain of darkness. Alienated. Hostile. Evil.
 1. What kind of hope did we have at this point to receive anything from God but wrath and fury? See Romans 2:8-9, 12; Ephesians 2:1-3, 12; Psalm 5:4-6; Ezekiel 18:4.
 2. What did it take for you to first realize that this was your condition? Was it hard to believe? Did you argue against it? If so, what was your argument?
2. Those who repent (turn from sin) and believe (trust Jesus alone for a righteous standing before God) have been transferred into the kingdom of the beloved Son. Reconciled. Redeemed. Forgiven.
 1. How does a completely hopeless people find life and freedom to turn from sin and trust the one whom we are alienated from and hostile toward? How do we come to know this wonderful reconciliation? See Ephesians 2:4-10; Romans 3:21-26; Ezekiel 36:26-27; 2 Corinthians 4:4-6.
3. Our human king represents us (being the Son of Man) and yet he is also fully God (being the Son of God).
 1. In his divinity, what sort of authority and power does Jesus have over all things (living, dead, human, animal, inanimate)? See Mark 2:4-12, 4:37-39, 5:2-13, 35-42; Matthew 28:16-20.
 2. In his humanity, how does Jesus serve to help us? See Mark 10:45; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24; Rom 5:18-19, 8:1-4; Revelation 5:9-10.
4. If we have repented and believed upon Jesus, then we are reconciled people and citizens of a new kingdom. We are set apart for God's purpose. We are not our own but belong to God (1 Cor 6:19-20, Rom 4:7-9).
 1. What is God's purpose for us? See Matthew 28:16-20 (again); 2 Corinthians 5:20; Ephesians 1:5-6, 2:10.

I. What God has done in Christ for those who repent and believe (vv 13-14)

- A. He has delivered us
 - 1. We were enslaved to sin
- B. He has transferred us from the domain of darkness to the kingdom of the beloved Son
 - 1. We have a new identity and a new allegiance
- C. He has redeemed us
 - 1. We were purchased and are now completely forgiven

II. The preeminence of the King (vv 15-20)

- A. Our King is the creator of all
 - 1. Christ made all things
- B. Our King holds the universe together
 - 1. Christ sustains all things always
- C. Our King owns and is the head of all things
 - 1. The Father intended all things to be made by and for his Son
- D. Our King is fully God and fully man
 - 1. He is the fullness of God in human flesh
- E. Our King made peace with God (The Father) for us by his sacrifice
 - 1. God is reconciling all things on heaven and earth to himself through the sacrifice of his Son.

III. The dependence of the king's people (vv 21-22)

- A. What we were before being delivered
 - 1. We were alienated from God
 - 2. We were hostile toward God
 - 3. We were evil in our actions
- B. What we are since being delivered
 - 1. We are reconciled to God in Christ's death...
 - a) No longer alienated from him. No longer alone.
 - 2. So that we would be made holy
 - a) Set apart for his righteous purposes, not hostile to his purposes anymore.
 - 3. So that we would be made blameless and above reproach
 - a) We are found innocent and there is no charge of evil against us at all.

IV. The response of this reconciled people

- A. We are to be a gospel saturated people who...
 - 1. *See* through the lens of the gospel
 - 2. *Speak* the gospel message
 - 3. *Work* with our hands for the gospel cause
 - 4. *Go* with our feet to places where the gospel needs to go