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1. Who is your favorite superhero and why?
2. Paul often talks about believers being ‘in Jesus’. What does it mean for us to be ‘in Him’?

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Read Colossians 2:6-10 and Discuss

3. In what ways is our world damaged and broken? How have you and I contributed to the damaged condition of our world?
 - a. *Even if the only damage we did to God's creation was the personal damage we did to ourselves that would still be a serious offense because it is vandalizing and disfiguring the image of God which exists within all of us.*
4. Why can't God just sweep all of our mistakes under the rug and forget about them?
5. When you hear the word 'powerless' what words or images come to your mind? Have you ever been in a situation in which you felt 'powerless'? What was the most difficult part about it? How does being 'in Jesus' change our 'powerless' situation into one in which we experience real power?
6. When Paul talks about 'armed rulers and authorities' that oppose us, what do you think he is referring to? What has Jesus done to these armed enemies that opposed us?
 - a. *As David Garland puts it, "In Christ we do not simply have forgiveness of sins and a clean slate with God. God has also delivered us from every power that would try to claim title to our lives, to win possession of us, or generally to bring harm to us... The consequence of salvation from sin is deliverance from the tyranny of evil powers and so-called inexorable forces. Those who are in Christ are no longer the playthings of forces and powers — however we conceptualize them — that seem beyond our control."*
7. How could Paul tell people with beating hearts and breath-filled lungs that they were dead? What does it mean to be 'dead in your trespasses'? How does being 'in Jesus' make us alive?
8. As followers of Jesus, what are the biggest challenges that keep us from consistently seeing ourselves as being 'in Jesus'? How can you and I consistently 'walk in Him' and remain 'rooted and built up in Him'?